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## INTRODUCTION

#### Purpose and Scope

This edition of the Voting Assistance Guide is designed to help the following persons participate in U.S. primary and general elections during 1982, even though they may not be able to vote in person at the polls:

- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- Members of the U.S. Merchant Marine;
- Spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces and Merchant Marine; and
- U.S. Citizens outside the United States.

Absentee voting information in this Guide is current through October 1981. Procedures or primary dates that change after publication will be updated through fact sheets distributed to voting assistance personnel by all Federal government departments and agencies with voting assistance programs. The same channels will be used to disseminate information about special and other elections.

Questions concerning any aspect of this *Guide* or the Federal Voting Assistance Program can be resolved by writing to: Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Room 1B457, Washington, D.C. 20301. Telephone inquiries may be made by telephoning the FVAP at Area Code (202) 694-4928/60. The Autovon prefix is 224-4928/4960.

# CHAPTER THE FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### Based on 1955 and 1975 Acts

#### **Background**

The Federal government has assisted voters to vote absentee since 1942. The current program is based on the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 (FVAA) and the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975 (OCVRA). On November 4, 1978, the President signed into law an amendment to both these acts designed to improve the administration and operation of voting procedures for citizens covered by the FVAA and the OCVRA.

These laws require that the States allow certain specific groups of citizens to register for and vote in Federal elections using absentee procedures. These citizens include members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine, their spouses and dependents, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other citizens outside of the United States In addition to the Federal laws governing absentee registration and voting, most States permit these citizens to register for and vote absentee in State elections.

The Acts authorize the President to designate someone to supervise the administration of Federal voting assistance responsibilities. He has designated the Secretary of Defense. In turn, the Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) manages the voting assistance program on the Secretary's behalf.

#### Organization

Each Federal department and agency with personnel covered by the Acts has a voting assistance program that further implements information provided by the FVAP. In this light, the Department of State offers voting services through its Embassies and Consulates to U.S. citizens outside the United States. De-

partments and agencies appoint Voting Officers or Counselors at all echelons to administer their programs and provide information and assistance to voters.

#### Voting Assistance Officer/Counselor

Voting Assistance Officers or Counselors have a most important role in ensuring that citizens covered by the FVAA and the OCVRA are able to exercise their Constitutional right to vote. Many persons seeking your advice ma, never have voted. You may set the tone for their participation in this and future elections. Questions which you cannot answer should be directed immediately to your next higher voting official to ensure that timely and meaningful information is provided to those who seek your assistance. If you are unable to get immediate assistance, you should contact the FVAP as outlined in the introduction. You are urged to use personal efforts as well as local media assistance to encourage citizens to vote.

#### Operation

This *Guide* should be distributed to all voting assistance personnel. It is the primary training and reference document for information on State absentee voting procedures. In addition, voting assistance personnel should have an ample supply of Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs), for use by voters.

The FVAP will issue from time to time, during the course of the election year, Fact Sheets, News Releases and Messages containing important upcoming election information or other important aspects concerning the FVAP. Fact Sheets and News Releases are distributed to the Senior Service Voting Officer of each Service, Senior Voting Representatives of each Federal agency and to all outside government groups that have indicated a desire to participate in the FVAP and have ongoing voter outreach programs. Fact Sheets and News Releases are also distributed to all government and non-govern-

ment news outlets that inform members of the worldwide military audience and overseas U.S. citizens. Messages, on the other hand, contain the same information as News Releases or Fact Sheets but are distributed to Senior Service Voting Officers for the specific purpose of being retransmitted to all levels of command down to the Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor at unit level. Messages are also disseminated to the State Department and other Federal agencies.

Voting Assistance Officers at all levels must insure that message center personnel at all levels know where to send the voting messages so that they may receive the latest voting information. Other materials available for voting assistance personnel are listed in Chapter 2 on page 25, under Information Support Materials.

#### **Elections and the Right To Vote**

The people of the United States elect more than 500,000 public officials. They serve at the Federal, State, and local levels, and their decisions directly influence the lives and well-being of all citizens. All of these officials derive their authority from the voters who elect them.

The conferring and divesting of decision mak-

ing authority—the orderly transfer of power—cannot take place without an electoral process. In the United States, the electoral process is administered by the States and their political subdivisions (e.g., counties, towns, parishes, cities, and villages.)\* Only a few uniform standards imposed or recommended by the Federal government limit these highly individualistic jurisdictions in the issuance of their own localized election laws and procedures. As a result, the electoral process varies greatly among the States and even within them. Literally thousands of varied election systems operate today in this country.

The immense diversity of the American electoral process has one obvious drawback—it breeds enormous complexity. This complexity, of course, makes the job of the Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor a demanding one. Nevertheless, every eligible American citizen has the right to vote. This fundamental right to choose those who will make the decisions that affect our lives does not diminish as the distance from the voting booth increases. All voting assistance personnel must make sure that all those who are covered by the FVAA and the OCVRA receive the best possible information and assistance to exercise their rights.

<sup>\*</sup> Approximately 6,400 jurisdictions are involved in the administration of Federal elections.

# CHAPTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICERS AND COUNSELORS

A Unit Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor is responsible for assisting the absentee voter in contacting appropriate local election officials so that he or she may obtain an absentee ballot and return it in time to be counted. Any person who appears to need assistance in reading or understanding English language materials relating to voting or voter registration should be given assistance in the appropriate language.

#### How To Use This Guide

The Voting Assistance Guide is your primary source of information for carrying out your duties as Voting Counseier. Before you attempt to help anyone participate in elections it is very important that you review this Guide thoroughly and become familiar with the chapters and instructions.

The instructions are designed primarily for use by military voting assistance personnel, but are equally applicable to other Federal government voting assistance programs, private corporations and other groups with personnel or members covered by the FVAA and the OCVRA. U.S. citizens voting under the provisions of the OCVRA should read the specific information prepared for them on page 10 in this chapter.

This Guide addresses a wide variety of absentee voters for whom the Federal Voting Assistance Program is responsible:

- Armed Forces members;
- Spouses of Armed Forces members;
- · Dependents of Armed Forces members;
- Merchant Marine members;
- Spouses of Merchant Marine members;
- Dependents of Merchant Marine members;
- Other U.S. citizens outside the United States;

Complete information for assisting individuals to register and vote absentee has been organized alphabetically by State in Chapter 3. Chapter 3 contains each State's procedures to register and to vote absentee.

The information in the *Guide*, together with the voter's name, local address, voting residence, and other pertinent data will permit you and the voter to complete the FPCA properly. See page 15 for detailed instructions. Remember, no matter how accurate the information on the FPCA, if local election officials cannot read it or if critical information is missing, the voter will not receive a ballot.

Note: Certain States require that either the FPCA, State registration form, ballot application form, or ballot return envelope be witnessed and or signed by a specified person in addition to the voter. Each State page lists this requirement as appropriate. In most cases as a State permits, you as a Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor with the Armed Forces or State Department, are authorized to administer and witness the oath portion of the FPCA.

#### **Voting Information Support Programs**

This section is designed to assist the individual Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor organize an effective voting information program. The techniques and recommendations presented are principally directed toward the military Voting Assistance Officer. However, this information may also be applied by nonmilitary organizations for discharging their own voting programs.

# Scope of a Base/Installation Voting Assistance Program

A Commanding Officer has the overall responsibility for the operation of a successful voting assistance program within their command. Usually, the Commanding Officer will appoint a staff officer to act in his behalf as the command's Voting Assistance Officer tasked to actually organize and direct the entire command's voting assistance program. Subsequently, the command's Voting Assistance Officer will insure that each subordinate unit and organization appoints, on orders, an officer or non-commissioned officer to organize and direct voting assistance activities within each unit and organization. Note: If a non-commissioned officer is appointed, he should also be given specific authority, on orders, to notarize election materials such as Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs), etc. The command's Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer should advise the command as to the proper procedures to follow to place a non-commissioned officer on orders to notarize election materials.

The 1982 Voting Action Plan, the source document for the operation of the 1982 Federal Voting Assistance Program requires that commanding officers conduct orientation briefings with unit Voting Assistance Officers or Counselors prior to the start of primary elections. These briefings, usually directed by the command's Voting Assistance Officer are intended to prepare unit Voting Assistance Officers for their duties and to insure that voting assistance materials are on hand prior to the commencement of the 1982 command voting program.

In addition to these orientations, the Commanding Officer is required to plan and ensure that briefings of military personnel, their spouses and dependents and civilian employees (in overseas locations) are scheduled at the installation and/or unit level. The briefings should inform all individuals covered by the Acts of current registration and voting procedures. Efforts should be made to motivate, but not coerce, all eligible citizens to participate in the election process.

These briefings should commence during the

election months for primaries and be repeated during the September 1982 Military Voter Week program. See Appendix E—Model Command Information Program.

The following officials have responsibility for administering the voting assistance program:

- The Commander—The Commander must be involved. He must emphasize the voting program in staff meetings and other command meetings. He must communicate his support of the program and encourage staff participation and involvement throughout his command.
- Unit Voting Assistance Officers/Counselors
   —These voting representatives have an opportunity to personalize a command's voting assistance efforts. Success of the Federal Voting Assistance Program in any election year may well depend upon the availability and quality of service that these representatives provide 'heir personnel.
- Legal Assistance Officer—The legal assistance officer ensures that legal personnel
  have available the necessary material to include the Voting Assistance Guide and
  FPCAs to assist personnel and resolve voting problems should they arise.

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- Public Affairs / Information Officer—The Public Affairs / Information Officer ensures that voting information is included in base, installation or unit publications such as newspapers, newsletters, daily bulletins and other printed media. This officer and the Voting Assistance Officer should coordinate the activities for Military Voter Week.
- Inspector General (IG)—The IG can be of significant assistance. As the "Eyes and Ears" of the Commander, the IG has an interest in any program that concerns itself with the rights of personnel and dependents.
- Chaplain—As a respected member and leader in a military community the Chaplain can be of significant help in getting information to members of the community.

The Chaplain can use Voting as a theme in sermons and can emphasize voting when he speaks to groups.

- Publications Supply or Distribution Officer—The Publications, Supply or Distribution Officer ensures that copies of this Guide, Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) or any other voting program informational materials are issued to installation and tenant Unit Voting Officers and Counselors. In addition to normal distribution of informational material, the Office of the Secretary of Defense may disseminate additional voting materials throughout the election year. Therefore, it is essential that distribution officers notify voting officers immediately upon receipt of these items.
- Officers-in-Charge of exchanges, commissaries, special services activities, medical and dental facilities, education centers or offices, etc., should be contacted to coordinate display of voting information materials and possible inclusion in Military Voter Week activities.
- Communications and Message Centers— These Centers should be alerted to expect voting-oriented messages throughout the election year, and to notify the installation voting officer as soon as possible after their receipt.
- Base or Installation Telephone Supervisor
   —The Voting Assistance Officer should
   ensure that the Base Voting Officer's name,
   location and phone number is known to
   the operators so that calls or queries rega. 'ing voting assistance may be referred
   to him.

In addition to these officials, a resourceful Voting Assistance Officer will make use of the many organizations that perform local service functions. Coordinate a voting program along the theme of "Be Part of America's Future, Vote!" with:

 Wives Club—These organizations perform many service programs for the community. They are always responsive to worthy community projects.

- Boy/Girl Scouts, Etc.—Youth groups are another source of organizations that perform numerous citizenship oriented service projects. They would welcome participation in a voter information program. Contact the installation officer who serves as the local scout leader.
- Veteran's Organizations—These organizations perform important community service projects. Organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion are also eager to participate in community projects. Contact the local leaders of these organizations.
- Service Associations—Organizations and Associations such as the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Air Force Sergeants Association and Navy Associations are also interested in participating in service oriented projects. Contact local leaders and interest them in getting involved.

#### Scope of a Unit Voting Assistance Program

The Unit Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor has the important function of providing accurate, non-partisan voting information and assistance to the individual desiring to register and vote.

The organization and effectiveness of a voting assistance program may well determine whether a person will actually vote or not vote. The Unit Voting Officer should speak up for the program and motivate individuals about the importance of voting. This should be successfully accomplished without pressure by holding information classes and informal discussions concerning voting and the responsibilities of a concerned citizenry.

When developing a local voting assistance plan, consider the suggestions below. These recommendations are a product of experience gained and techniques used by voting personnel in carrying out their duties in past election years.

- Communications. It is most helpful to have readily available the names, locations and telephone numbers of the Voting Officers or Counselors at the next higher echelon of a command or organization. It is also suggested that the names, locations, and phone numbers of legal assistance personnel supporting your organization be maintained as part of a voting representative's reference material. The legal assistance officer can provide information to answer questions concerning legal problems related to absentee voting.
- Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (SF Form 76) For Absentee Ballot. It is essential that sufficient post card applications be on hand for use in each election to be held during the year. These applications, popularly known as "FPCAs" or "SF-76", must be made available well before the primary elections that are scheduled early in the election year. The FPCAs are required to be IN THE HAND of persons covered by the ACTS by:
- Not later than August 15 before the election if they are OUTSIDE the territorial limits of the United States; and
- Not later than September 15 before the election if they are INSIDE the territorial limits of the United States.

This IN HAND requirement is very important to remember. Your responsibility is to ensure that all persons covered by the Acts are personally handed an FPCA by the date indicated above.

NOTE: A new revised FPCA, SF76, Rev. 1981, is available for use commencing with elections to be held in 1981. Voting Assistance Officers or Counselors may continue to issue the previous edition of the FPCA, SF 76, Rev. 1979, until present stocks have been exhausted. Both forms are identical in purpose. The Rev. 1981 FPCA provides an additional service to the voter by including a return post card that will be completed by local election officials ex-

plaining the voter's status. See Figures 1-9 for instructions on completing both FPCAs.

For planning purposes, consideration must be given to providing eligible spouses and dependents FPCAs and assistance in properly completing them. Generally, communication with spouses and dependents should be effected through the member of the family who is in the military or the Federal government.

According to State election officials, the chief problem they have encountered with FPCAs is that users fail to fill them out legibly and properly. As a result, qualified electors often do not receive their absentee ballots. Problems can be minimized if applicants fill out their FPCAs completely and legibly, provide accurate addresses (legal residence in voting districts), SIGN the cards, and have them witnessed and sworn to (when required). See page 15 for details on completing FPCAs.

- Voting Information Materials—The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Military Departments, other Federal Agencies, and election officials of the States, produces and distributes a variety of voting information materials. In addition to this Guide, other items include posters, Armed Forces newspaper articles and features distributed for military editors' use by the American Forces Press Service (AFPS), and voting fact sheets and bulletins. Moreover, the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) stations overseas broadcast voting information to Armed Forces members. All of these materials are designed to give Voting Officers and Counselors sufficient audiovisual support necessary to inform their personnel of absentee registration and voting processes, and to call attention to absentee registration and voting deadlines.
- Preparation—This Guide is designed as a reference document for persons designated to provide voting assistance to potential absentee voters. Because there are variances in the voting rules, deadlines, and election dates among the States, it is essential for Voting Officers and Counselors to become familiar with this Guide.
- Information or Training Programs—A command's or organization's internal information or training program is the most important

communications vehicle used to convey voting information and instruction on the proper means to register and vote. Such a program should be structured so that personnel are:

- 1. Made aware of the availability of personal assistance in registering to vote and requesting absentee ballots;
- 2. Provided detailed information about the use of the FPCA and instructions regarding its proper completion;
- 3. Furnished information that will assist spouses and dependents to register and vote by absentee process.

#### **Assistance Provided To All Citizens**

All U.S. citizens overseas, regardless of their status: military members, dependents, private business persons, tourists, attached or unattached to U.S. military/government agencies may receive voting assistance at all military installations overseas at the discretion of the installation commander. All U.S. citizens may also receive full voting assistance services at all U.S. Embassy and Consulate offices overseas. All U.S. citizens may use APO or FPO facilities to mail FPCA and/or other voting materials back to the United States.

#### The Abstentee Voting Process

The absentee voting process is designed to permit citizens who will be away from their local polling places on election day to vote through the mail. The nature of this process makes it more complex and time consuming than the process of direct voting at a designated polling place.

In order to deal with the multitude of State procedures, you must know the essential elements of the absentee process. Despite variations, there are basic elements of absentee voting:

- Registration as a voter (if required);
- · Request for an absentee ballot; and
- · Voting and returning the ballot to the election district.

Registration and ballot request procedures and time requirements are different for each jurisdiction. For this reason, you must process each voter individually. Further, do not assume that the procedures used by one class of voters will be applicable to similarly situated classes of voters from another State.

#### Registration

Registration is a technical term used to identify the series of acts that result in enrollment as an eligible voter. In the case of voters who live in the communities where they vote—and are therefore able to cast their ballots in person -registration usually must be completed in person by some specified time prior to election day. However, in the case of persons who must vote by absentee ballot, the registration requirement or the time limit for completing registration is sometimes waived. It is important to remember, however, that this waiver is not always granted and, if granted, is not necessarily granted to all categories of voters in a particular State.

In another variation of the registration process, either the absentee ballot request or the absentee ballot itself serves to register the voter. Although in both cases registration is required for the ballot to be counted, additional correspondence between the voter and election officials should not be necessary. At first glance, it may appear that no difference exists between the various methods of obtaining registration when a single FPCA may be used to register and to request a ballot. But deadlines for this procedure often vary. In some cases it will be necessary for the FPCA to reach election officials by the date set for the close of registration, not by the deadline for applying for a ballot. Chapter 3 contains State by State registration instructions.

#### **Ballot Request**

The proper method for completing the FPCA to request a ballot is described starting on page 12.

#### **Ballot Completion**

The act of voting should be treated as a private and personal act. However, the Voting Counselor may have a role to play in the process. This will probably be to witness signatures or administer or take a voter's oath and also sign the FPCA or ballot return envelope.

# Information For U.S. Citizens Voting Under the OCVRA

The following special information is presented for U.S. citizens voting under the OCVRA who are overseas and not affiliated with the federal government. This section has been prepared by the two major political parties, Democratic and Republican, who both operate overseas political organizations. The material is presented to offer OCVRA voters additional information to clarify their voting status and to serve as a review of the voting rights act that affects U.S. citizens residing abroad.

In November 1978, the President signed into law PL 95-593 to improve the administration and operation of the Federal Voting Assistance Act (FVAA) of 1955, and the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) of 1975. The overall purpose of the new law was to simplify absentee voting procedures for military and U.S. citizens overseas.

The following outlines the Acts for those who desire to register and vote absentee (Note: the complete Acts are at Appendix D):

1. The Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 (FVAA) primarily applies to active duty uniformed service and Merchant Marine members, their spouses and dependents, and to civilian employees of the United States government overseas and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents may vote absentee while away from their place of voting residence, wherever stationed, whether within or outside the United States. The FVAA also applies to civilians serving outside the United States when accompanying any branch of the Armed Forces such as employees of the American Red Cross, their

spouses and dependents and to other citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them.

2. The Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975 (OCVRA) applies to other U.S. citizens residing outside the United States and its territories on other than a temporary basis. Generally, these citizens have no military or government affiliation and may be involved in a myriad of activities such as private business, extended foreign travel, educational pursuits, or are retired and living abroad.

A key to applying to register, if necessary, and to vote absentee is for each person to understand their voting residence. The proper voting residence is required to be placed on each FPCA. Simply put, a voting residence is the legal residence, or domicile in which a voter could vote if present. Military and Merchant Marine members, their spouses and dependents, may register to vote where they maintain their legal residence. Civilian U.S. government employees overseas, their spouses and dependents, will generally register in the State in which they resided prior to departing the United States. Overseas citizens with no other legal residence must, as provided by the OCVRA, vote in their last State of residence immediately prior to departing the U.S., even if many years have elapsed and the voter maintains no abode in the State and the intent to return to that State may be vague.

Although the States have adopted the requirements contained in the FVAA and the OCVRA they have adopted them in differing ways. Some States will send complete Federal and State ballots to all absentee voters, no matter what ballot they request or what category in which they fall. Other States, however, will send complete Federal and State ballots to all voters other than OCVRA voters; and only Federal ballots to OCVRA voters.

The method followed is controlled by State law and practice, not by Federal law nor necessarily by the request of the voter.

Rules for registration and absentee ballot application by overseas citizen voters, and all other categories of voters, are listed State by

State in Chapter 3. All U.S. citizens should consult the Guide and seek the assistance of voting assistance personnel located at all U.S. Embassies, Consulates and U.S. military installations abroad. Additionally, all overseas U.S. citizens may contact one of the offices of the two major U.S. political parties that are organized overseas, at the addresses listed below. U.S. citizens may also, at any time, contact the FVAP office directly for voting assistance at the address indicated on the inside back cover of this Guide.

The OCVRA provides that voting in Federal elections by any citizen outside the United States shall not affect the determination of his place of residence for purposes of any tax imposed under Federal, State or local law. Liability for State income tax, however, may be incurred in a few states by voting absentee in State elections. For State laws regarding income earned outside the United States see Appendix G.

As stated previously, the two major political parties in the United States, the Democratic and Republican parties are organized overseas and have branches in many countries throughout the world. In presidential election years, these two organizations send delegates from abroad to the national nominating conventions."

If a party abroad chooses its delegates by its own primary election, held internally within its own organizations overseas, an overseas voter may vote in that party primary instead of voting in their State presidential primary election. Persons must remember that they can only vote in one presidential primary; either the one in their stateside voting residence or the one held overseas by either the Democratic or Republican party.

Voter registration for the overseas presidential primary election is conducted separately by each political party. Further information concerning overseas political activities by either the Democratic or Republican party can be received by contacting the main offices at:

> Democrats Abroad 157 Route du Grand Lancy 1213 Onex, Geneva Switzerland

Republicans Abroad 310 1st Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003 U.S.A.

All U.S. citizens abroad not voting in the presidential primary held in any other State in a given election year may vote in an overseas primary held by either of the two parties.

Regional or country party committees are responsible for registration. Voters not having the local address of the nearest political party should write to the main address noted above. Their name and address will be forwarded to the local party committee nearest to them. The local committee will initiate correspondence and registration forms with the interested citizen.

Registration serves as a request for a ballot. No further steps are required. Ballots will be mailed together with appropriate information and with an affidavit to be signed by the voters testifying that they are U.S. citizens and they are not voting in any other presidential primary in that election year.

Overseas citizens should remember that the Democratic and Republican parties hold only presidential primary elections. Actual voting for all other primaries and general elections are conducted by each State. Actual application for registration and ballot request to vote in all other primaries and in the general election must be made by each citizen to the voting official in the voting residence as outlined in Chapter 3.

#### Supplies

Certain supplies will be needed to carry out the responsibilities of Voting Counselor. These supplies consist of FPCAs, posters, and additional copies of this Guide. They have been ordered on behalf of your respective Service and are available through normal supply channels.

#### **Local Election Officials**

Contact election officials of the community or communities in which your installation is located and familiarize yourself with local, inperson registration procedures. In this way you will be in a position to assist persons who can vote locally as well as absentee.

#### **Voter Qualifications**

Local election officials, not the Voting Officer or Counselor, determine voter eligibility. The voter must have some connection with the political jurisdiction in which he or she desires to vote. It is for the officials in that jurisdiction to determine the strength of that connection. Because these officials act under wide discretionary powers, standards cannot be specified. A person may vote in only one jurisdiction.

#### Restrictions

Limit voting motivation programs to making persons aware that they should vote and that voting is a civic responsibility rather than a legal obligation. It is your responsibility to inform the voter of the fact that he or she can vote and of the procedures to follow in order to vote. It is the voter's responsibility to obtain information about candidates and issues.

Some of the best sources for voters to obtain such information are hometown newspapers, magazines and newspapers with national circulations, and information directly from the political party and campaign committee offices supporting a particular candidate or proposal.

#### Coercion and Undue Influence

Because the right to vote is so personal and the rank structure of the military services so strong, you must be careful to avoid coercion, undue influence, or the appearance of either on the voter. Such problems usually result from an overzealous attempt to meet voting participation quotas or to comply with perceived ideas of what is expected of you.

Federal law prohibits coercion or undue influence in the election process.

#### Questions To Ask Voters

#### Background

Every State requires that a person satisfy

particular qualifications before that person is eligible to vote. Each State or locality has the right to determine if these requirements have been met. For absentee voters, this determination is made by the collection and verification of personal information by one or more of the following methods:

- Registration in person before the current absence of the voter;
- An absentee registration procedure;
- An absentee ballot application procedure; or
- Proxy verification (see appropriate State page)

#### Citizenship and Age

Two voter requirements are generally prescribed in every State:

- A voter must be a citizen of the United States on the date of the election in which he or she wishes to vote and,
- A voter must be at least 18 years old on election day in order to vote. Some States permit 17 year-olds to vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the date of the general election.

If a person is not a citizen or not able to meet the age requirement, he or she will not be able to vote.

#### **Voting Residence**

A person who is of age will have to vote in a particular State. For most voters, this requirement will present no problem. They will vote in the State that they consider to be their permanent, current or former home. However, it is advisable in every case to make certain that the State the voter believes to be his or her voting residence is in fact the State to which application for an absentee ballot is made.

The issue of voting residence is extremely complex. Even in States where laws clearly define criteria for determining a person's voting residence, the final determination is generally left up to each local election official. Almost 6,400 jurisdictions in the United States administer Federal elections, and many more have some authority over other elections.

If you are at all uncertain about a person's current or former State of voting residence, try to determine what connections a person has or had with the State or States in question. Then have the person select one in which to apply for a ballot.

#### **Registration Status**

The question of voting residence is often linked to a determination of whether a person is currently registered to vote. If voting residence is otherwise uncertain, then establishing the fact of current registration in a particular State will tend to clarify the residence dilemma. On the other hand, once voting residence is established, it may then be necessary to determine if the voter is currently registered to vote in that State.

In some States, depending upon the status of the voter (e.g., member of Armed Forces, Federal employee), registration may not be necessary in order to vote absentee. In that case, the question of current registration is irrelevant and voting assistance personnel should proceed directly to Chapter 3.

Where there is any doubt about registration status, the voter should be advised to apply for registration (if required by the particular State) if time permits. If it proves impossible to register before the State deadline, the voter should be advised to apply for an absentee ballot. If the voter is in fact registered, the absentee ballot should be received.

Additional registration requirements and information is presented in Chapter 3.

#### **Specific Queries To Make**

The questions below may aid voting assistance personnel in advising voters where to vote:

- Where is your home or home of record?
- What State are you from?

Where did you live before coming here?

For a civilian not affiliated with the Federal Government and outside the United States-Where did you live immediately before leaving the United States?

- Where does your family live?
- Where do your parents live?
- What State (if any) do you pay taxes to?
- Where do you own property?
- Where do you engage in any businesses?
- Where do you have bank accounts?
- Where is your motor vehicle(s) registered?
- What State has issued you a driver's license or any other licenses?
- · Where are you a member of any organization(s)?
- Where have you registered to vote?
- Where have you voted?

The next set of questions is designed to aid in the determination of current registration (if necessary to vote absentee). A voter may recall having registered and yet not be currently registered because his or her registration has been canceled for one of the following reasons: not voting for a period of time, having changed residences (in the State) since the last registration or election, having changed his or her name since the last registration or election, or having changed political party preference since the last registration.

- Are you registered to vote?
- Where and when did you register?
- Have you ever voted before?
- Where and when have you voted (see Chapter 3 for State provisions on cancellation of registration for not voting).
- · Have you changed your address since you last registered or voted?

- Have you changed your name since you last registered or voted?
- Have you changed your party affiliation since you last registered?

Voting assistance personnel who have difficulty advising voters of their proper voting residence or registration status should consult a legal officer or request aid from their department or agency Voting Assistance Officer.

#### The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

#### **Purpose**

The FPCA is a postage free post card printed and distributed by the Federal government for use by absentee voters covered by the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 and the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1955. Public Law 95-593, enacted in November 1978, requires the design of a single form of post card application to serve all States as a simultaneous registration form and as an application for absentee ballot. See Figures 1 and 2. The extent and manner of its use, however, is controlled by State law and sometimes by local procedure. Because of varying State procedures, you must consult the individual State registration and ballot request procedures in Chapter 3 to determine eligibility and use of the form for a particular person and State.

#### State and Local Treatment of the FPCA

Election officials use the FPCA in one of the following ways:

- As a form to register and to apply for an absentee ballot simultaneously. This method allows a person to use one FPCA to accomplish two tasks: registration and obtaining an absentee ballot.
- As a form to request a State/local registration form and a ballot simultaneously. In this case the election official mails both a registration form and a ballot back to the applicant. Upon receipt by the election official of the com-

pleted registration form and ballot, the individual simultaneouly completes registration and votes.

- As a registration form.
- As a registration application form. In this case, the FPCA is filed or the information appearing on the FPCA is transferred to a State or local registration form or list. When the FPCA is used as a registration form or as an application for a registration form, registration is completed upon receipt of the FPCA by the election official.
- As a request for a State/local registration form. In this case, the election official upon receipt of the FPCA, will mail a registration form to the applicant. This registration form must be completed and returned to the election official in order to complete the registration process.
- As an application for an absentee ballot. Remember that the procedures authorized under any one of these methods may vary greatly depending upon the category of voter and or State. The proper procedures for each State may be found in Chapter 3.

Remember also that the various uses of the FPCA are not mutually exclusive. Again, depending upon the status of the prospective voter and the State involved, one or more of these methods may be required in order to obtain an absentee ballot.

In some of the States, one FPCA will gain the applicant both primary and general election ballots for an entire calendar year. In these States, it is not necessary to submit an FPCA for each election during the year. If a State permits this procedure you will find the policy stated in Chapter 3.

#### New Revised FPCA, SF 76, Rev. 1981

A new revised version of the FPCA will make its first appearance for use in applying for registration and/or absentee ballots for all elections in 1982. As stated previously, both the new FPCA form and the previous edition of the FPCA, SF 76, Rev. 1979, are identical in purpose and use. See Figures 1-9.

The main additional feature in the revised FPCA is the small vertical post card which is

part of the FPCA form. This return post card should be addressed by the applicant so that local election officials can use it to advise the applicant of his/her status.

If a person submits a correct FPCA the local election official will so notify this fact on the return post card and offer information on what ballot(s) will be sent and when the ballot(s) will be mailed to the person. If the FPCA submitted is incorrect or lacking in any information necessary to process the form, the local election official will return the post card to the person explaining what information is needed to complete the registration and/or ballot request. It should be noted that most local election officials receive thousands of requests for absentee ballots; therefore it is essential that the applicant self address the return post card.

The new Rev. 1981 FPCA offers to both the local election official and the voter a method to correspond with one another that will keep a voter informed as to the status of his registration and/or ballot request. Review the following pages carefully to understand the instructions on completing both FPCA forms, the SF 76, Rev. 1979 and SF 76, Rev. 1981.

#### How to Complete the FPCA

- Type or print in ink all entries before signing.
- An illegible, incomplete, or improperly completed FPCA may result in failure to process registration and/or to receive a ballot.
- Whichever FPCA is used, either the Rev. 1979 or the Rev. 1981 FPCA, both applications are completed in the same manner. Both FPCAs must be completed according to individual State requirements outlined in Chapter 3, signed, and if required, witnessed/notarized or have an authorized official sign the Oath.

Upon completing the application portion, persons should turn the FPCA over and address the FPCA to the local election official in their voting residence indicated in each State in Chapter 3, and place a return address in the upper left hand corner. Review and understand Figures 1-9.

Persons using FPCA, SF 76, Rev. 1979 will then separate the FPCA along the perforated

line (in the middle of the FPCA), review the application to ensure all applicable blocks are completed and that the FPCA is signed, and drop the application (lower half of the FPCA) into a U.S. mail receptacle. If an FPCA is mailed from a foreign postal facility, adequate foreign postage must be placed on the FPCA.

Persons using FPCA, SF 76, Rev. 1981 will complete the FPCA form in the same manner as described above. However, in addition to addressing the Rev. 1981 to the local election official along with placing a return address in the upper left hand corner, the person must self address the small vertical return post card. Upon completion, persons will FOLD THE ENTIRE FORM IN HALF, moisten the top of the Rev. 1981 FPCA, and fold down the small flap to seal the FPCA shut and mail the entire FPCA from a U.S. mail receptacle. DO NOT USE STAPLES TO SEAL THE FPCA. Since the Rev. 1981 FPCA has a small return post card attached, use of staples could destroy that card should it be ripped open, and render the postage free symbol on the post card useless.

#### **Specific Instructions**

(Refer to each particular State in Chapter 3 for the items required to complete application.) See Figures 1 and 2.

Fill in State, county, city, or township of voting residence.

- (1) Type or print full name.
- (2) Enter complete residence address in the community in which a person is applying to vote. If a rural route number is used be sure to include sufficient information to place that person in the proper precinct.
  - (3) Enter place of birth and date of birth.
- (4) Enter place of naturalization, naturalization number and date of naturalization if applicable.
  - (5) Enter data as required by your State.
- (6) Enter social security number and other identification number. Passport or military I.D. or card of identity and registration issued by the Secretary of State is preferred, however, an alternative form of identification may be acceptable if a person does not possess a valid passport or card of identity and registration.

Indicate the type of identification used such as birth or baptism certificate.

- (7) Circle applicable election(s). Some States require a separate FPCA for registration and as a ballot request for each election. Some States will send ballots for every election to be held in an election year with just one FPCA. Failure to mark the correct circle or circles in this block may cause a voter not to receive any ballot(s). Consult Chapter 3 for specific procedures.
- (8) Enter name of political party whose primary ballot is being requested, if required. Some States permit the voter to vote in the primary of either party. Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin do not require disclosure of party.
- (9) Check appropriate box. In a few States persons may be liable for State or local taxes if they vote in State and local elections. Overseas citizens who wish to vote in Federal elections without becoming liable for State and local

- taxes should request a Federal election ballot and check boxes 9(b) and 10(g) on the FPCA. Consult Appendix G for further information on State tax liability.
- (10) Place an X or checkmark in the box that describes your status. In most States, checking any box 10 (a) through (f) will entitle you to a full ballot. All citizens not employed by the Federal government, who are overseas by virtue of their employment and are requesting a full ballot should check box 10(c). Other U.S. citizen, 10(g) means all U.S. citizens not covered by any other listed category who are outside the United States in a private capacity and who are requesting only a Federal ballot and whose intent to return to the State of last residence may be uncertain.
- (11) Enter current complete mailing address or other address to which the registration and/or ballot should be sent. Be sure to include ZIP, APO or FPO code. If a person will have a new address by the time registration forms or a ballot will be returned, then be sure the new address is shown.

#### FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) SF 76, Revised 1979 (May be used until supply is depleted)

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INSTRUCTIONS A. TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY all entries before signing. The term APPROPRI-ATE U.S. OFFICIAL as used herein refers to Unit Voting Officers or Counselors, Commanding Officers, U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate Officers or any other official who has access to the VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE.

- B. A detailed VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE is published each even numbered year. It contains voting information for all States, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. The VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE is distributed to all Unit Voting Officers, Commanding Officers, U.S. Embassies and Consulates and State Election Officials. Copies of the VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE are available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.
- C. The information to be listed on this form will allow each State to accept it as an application for registration or request for absentee ballot or both. If you omit any items, be sure to consult with APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIALS BEFORE mailing an incomplete application. An incomplete application may invalidate your request.
- D. Passport or State Department or Military I.D. Card number is preferred. An alternative form of identification may be acceptable if you do not possess a valid passport or card of identity and registration. Indicate the type of identifiation used such as a birth or baptism certificate.
- E. Some States require a separate application for registration and for each election. If you circle (all as Permitted) you will receive those ballots permitted by State law. Consult the APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIAL for specific information concerning your State. If you circle (Primary), (Special), or (General) and you are eligible to vote, you will receive a ballot only for the election circled.
- F. Party choice is secret in Primary Elections in the following: Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin. You do not have to disclose your political party preference for a Primary Election ballot in these jurisdictions.
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- L. If you have not voted before, enter "Not Applicable." If you were registered in a precinct other than the one you are now claiming, you should complete this item. This will help transfer your registration records. If you do not remember the information then indicate the approximate year and enter "unknown" in the other spaces.
- M. Many States require this affirmation. Some States allow a convicted felon to vote. Certain misdemeanors in some States are disqualifying offenses. If you have been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offenses or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, some States have provisions for a pardon in order to reinstate voting rights. Consult the appropriate State Governor for reinstatement of your voting rights. If you need to know which States require this affirmation, consult the APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIAL for further information.
- N. Not all States require completion of the Oath or Notary provision in item completion of this item presents an undue hardship, consult the APPROPRI-ATE U.S. OFFICIAL to determine if this is a requirement for your State.
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As a U.S. citizen, it is your right to vote! This form simplifies the absentee voting process. It has been coordinated with each State and is designed to serve simultaneously as a registration application and absentee ballot request.

Follow the instructions. Many States do not require all the items to be completed, however, it is important that all required information be completed. If you have specific questions concerning your State, consult your Unit Voting Officer or Counselor, Commanding Officer, U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate officer or any other official who has access to the Voting Assistance Guide. The Guide has a listing by State of the correct procedures to follow when requesting a registration application and/or ballot. If you do not have access to the Guide, you should complete all the items on this post card

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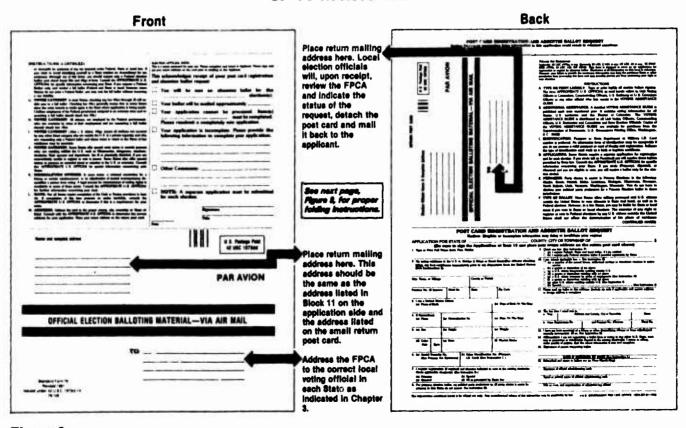
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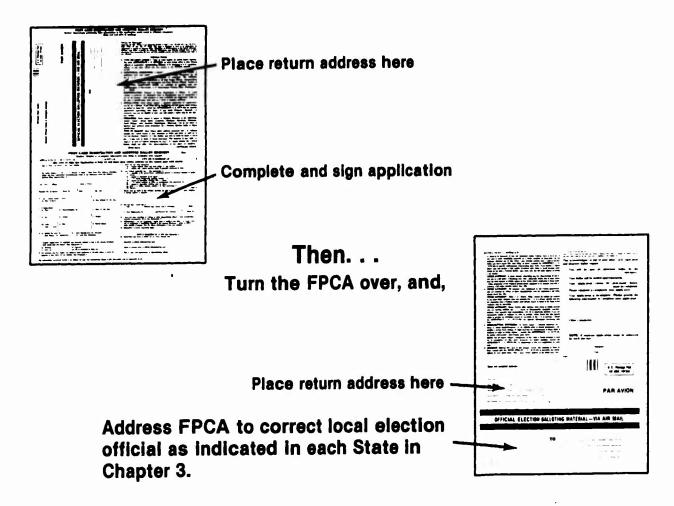
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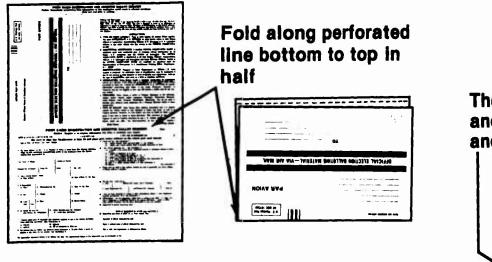
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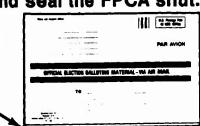
# FPCA, SF 76, Rev. 1981 — Folding and Mailing Instructions



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Then. . . moisten top flap and bend the flap over and seal the FPCA shut.



Do not use staples. . . then mail

#### Mailing the FPCA

Mail the FPCA IN AMPLE TIME TO COM-PLY WITH ANY STATE DEADLINE that may apply (see Chapter 3). Even if there are no applicable deadlines, be certain that enough time is allowed to accomplish whatever additional actions are necessary in order to obtain, mark, and return an absentee ballot in time for it to be counted. See Figures 1-9.

The FPCA does not require any postage if it is mailed in a U.S. postal facility—including a military post office wherever located. Most Embassies and Consulates have an APO or FPO address. Persons at a location where the Embassy or Consulate does not have an APO or FPO address, may have their FPCA delayed if it is sent by Diplomatic Pouch. In these instances persons may want to consider placing foreign postage at their expense and send the FPCA by international mail. Foreign Service Officers at these locations can provide the best mailing advice.

#### **What Happens Next?**

When a Rev. 1981 FPCA reaches its proper destination the applicant should receive back the small return post card explaining the status of the application. It is very important that persons self address the return post card. During busy election seasons, local election clerks are extremely busy and may not take the time to search out a return address and write it on the return post card. Voters must assist election officials by listing the return address to which they want the small post card returned.

If a Rev. 1979 FPCA reaches its proper destination PRIOR TO ANY APPLICABLE DEADLINE(S), and it has been filled out correctly, the applicant may receive some type of notification. This may be either a form to complete and return, a notice of registration, an absentee ballot or a combination depending on the election procedures within the State.

If the applicant receives no communication from the State within a reasonable time, he or she should submit a second FPCA. In addition, voters are encouraged, through voting assistance personnel, to bring such problems to the attention of department and agency Voting Assistance Officers, who will in turn ask the FVAF to investigate the matter. Keep in mind that in such a situation, time is of the essence.

If FPCAs are not available or supplies run out, voting assistance personnel should contact their Command or Service Voting Officer.

#### The Problem of Ballot Delays

Voting assistance personnel should be aware of the possibility that officials may not receive absentee ballots until quite close to election day or even later, regardless of the timeliness of the application. The causes of ballot delays are inherent in the electoral process and, under present law, are generally beyond the control of officials charged with administering absentee voting. One of the major causes of delay in preparing and mailing ballots is litigation by candidates. Such litigation usually involves a candidate's suit to get on the ballot or to get an opponent's name off the ballot, or is done because he or she objects to the format of the ballot. During the 1980 election year, many absentee voters suffered the consequences of such ballot delays.

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Often, the FVAP will be able to anticipate which States and localities may not be able to mail ballots in time to assure that they are counted. As in 1980, this information will be transmitted, as available, to voting assistance personnel through department and agency Voting Assistance Officers, who should take steps to notify voters of the problem.

All voting assistance personnel are asked to monitor absentee voting process mailing times and to report the results to department and agency Voting Assistance Officers. It is advisable to maintain a record of FPCA mailing dates for ballots and of the dates ballots are received in return. This information is of vital importance to the Federal Voting Assistance Program and should be collected with care. Appendix F contains a recommended form (which may be reproduced locally) for this purpose.

#### Marking and Mailing the Ballot

#### The Act of Voting

Almost every State or local election district includes instructions on marking the ballot when mailing the ballot to voters. Frequently, these instructions call for a procedure that requires the presence or services of a Voting Assistance Officer or other person.

Some States require that the ballot be marked in the presence of a specified person. In that case, that person should be careful not to compromise the voter's right to mark the ballot in secret.

• Where a Person Currently Lives. Voters who live within the United States may be able to register and vote where they live. This generally applies to eligible members of the Armed Forces and their families, regardless of whether they live on a military installation or off-post. In short, any qualified person who can satisfy a State's legal residence requirement can register and vote therein.

Approximately one-third of the States have systems of mail registration. These States permit applicants to register by mailing a State-prescribed form to the appropriate election officials in lieu of having to go to a courthouse, city hall, or other registration place, often during very restricted or inconvenient hours, to register in person.

Some localities operate mobile registration units as a convenience to voters. Others expand registration opportunities through other methods. For additional information on registration in a particular community, voters and voting assistance personnel may contact State or local election officials. Voting Assistance Officers at the department or agency level are also able to provide some expertise in these matters.

Again, it must be noted that registering and voting in a particular State may have adverse tax ramifications. For those who may be able to choose whether to vote absentee in one State or in person in another, differing tax consequences may be a consideration in the final determination. In addition to the tax consequences, there are other legal effects of changing one's

voting residence. Voters who have questions about these issues should consult legal counsel. See Appendix G for tax liabilities.

#### Reports

Voting Assistance Officers and Counselors should report any irregularities that they perceive in the absentee voting process to their department or agency headquarters Voting Assistance Officer. These will be further reported to the FVAP and investigated. Examples of irregularities include any procedure that does not conform to the ones cited in this *Guide* for the particular jurisdiction and category of person or any undue delay in the absentee voting process.

Voting assistance personnel are strongly encouraged to make suggestions for improving the Federal Voting Assistance Program and this Guide. Suggestions may be made at any time and should be forwarded to the FVAP through department or agency Voting Assistance Officers.

#### **Information Support Materials**

The following informational materials should be available to voting assistance personnel to support unit voting assistance programs:

- "The 1982 Voting Assistance Guide":
- Federal Post Card Applications: Rev. 79, Rev. 81;
- Voting posters;
- Voting fact sheets (issued from time to time during 1982);
- Armed Forces Information Film 265, "Have Your Say"; and
- Armed Forces Information Film 281, "What Can I Do?"

Note: Voting Assistance Officers and Counselors using the two DoD films, AFIF 265 and/or AFIF 281, will notice that the FPCA used as an example in the films is an outdated FPCA. All viewers must be made aware of this fact.

Display of the two FPCA forms, SF 76, Rev. 1979 and Rev. 1981 presently being used should be made when these films are shown. Aside from this fact all information presented in the films is correct and serves as useful audio-visual support to explain the absentee voting process to military personnel and their families.

#### **Program Monitoring**

The FVAP conducts periodic random surveys of voting assistance personnel. The surveys are designed to ascertain the status of the Voting Assistance Program and the availability and use of information support materials at any given time during the election year. Voting assistance personnel are encouraged to discuss all aspects of the program with the FVAP staff.

Often, an affidavit or certification form is enclosed with the ballot or appears on one of the envelopes in which the ballot is to be returned for counting. This may require the signature or other action of the person other than the voter who is specified by State law. The procedure to be followed will generally be analogous to that required by some States for the FPCA.

#### **Ballot Return Deadlines**

The instructions enclosed with the ballot will usually indicate the date and time by which it must be received by the proper State or local election official in order to be counted. (Also check each State in Chapter 3).

It is always advisable to impress upon voters the importance of marking and returning ballots immediately upon obtaining them. This is the only way to maximize the probability that they will be counted. In fact, in some States, the statutory deadline gives a false—and dangerous—impression. The law may state that ballots must be received by a specified election agency or official by this statutory deadline. However, the addressee to whom the voter is told to return his or her ballot is not the official or agency specified in connection with the deadline, but someone else whose name or title and address generally appear on the ballot return

envelope. For an absentee ballot to be counted, this official must then deliver the ballot to the official or agency specified in the law by the statutory deadline. In other words, whether or not the ballot is counted may well depend on the ability or diligence of the addressee on the ballot return envelope in delivering it to someone else by an announced deadline. This is not always guaranteed.

The best way for a voter to prevent disenfranchisement due to BALLOT TRANSMIS-SION delays is to apply early and vote early.

#### Other Ways To Obtain a Ballot and Vote

Using an FPCA or other application form to obtain an absentee ballot may not be the only method of voting available. The existence of alternative procedures depends upon three major factors: who the voter is, where the voter is located, and the law of the State of voting residence.

#### **Proxy Procedures**

Several States authorize individuals other than the prospective voter to act on his or her behalf to register the voter or to request an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter. In these States, the persons so authorized, the procedures they must follow, and the impact of their acts on behalf of the voter vary greatly. The advantage of employing the proxy alternative also varies among the States. For some voters, a proxy may accelerate the absentee process. In that case, voters who can use it should be encouraged to do so.

Each State page in Chapter 3 details State proxy procedures available to certain voters.

NOTE: In no case may a person cast a ballot on behalf of another person.

#### Assistance to the III or Infirmed

You may have occasion to assist persons who are unable to go to the polls on an election day due to illness, injury, physical disability, or

other incapacitating reasons. Most States allow these persons to vote absentee. However, election authorities often need proof of their situation in the form of a certificate or letter from an attending physician or other medical care provider. Some States have a prescribed form; others merely require a bona fide note from the doctor. In these instances, if time permits, it would be in the voter's best interest to write to the appropriate election official to determine specifically what documentation is necessary to ensure the receipt of an absentee ballot.

#### Voting in Person at the Polls

• As an Alternative to Absentee Voting. Any voter who anticipates being at or near his or her place of voting residence on election day

should be advised to consider voting at the designated polling place. This is a virtually certain way for the vote to be counted. Information on where to vote can be obtained by contacting local election officials.

Voting in person does not necessarily preclude registering (if that is required) by absentee process. Further, in a substantial number of States, applying for an absentee ballot will not automatically rule out voting at the polls. In fact, a few States even permit someone who has already marked and returned an absentee ballot to vote in person (in which event the absentee ballot would not be counted). Note: This does not mean that a person may vote twice in any election.

Any questions about this should be addressed to local election officials or your department or agency Voting Assistance Officer.

# CHAPTER | STATE ABSENTEE

REGISTRATION AND THREE VOTING PROCEDURES

## Alabama

### Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Board of Registrars at each county seat.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Alabama or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the state of Alabama but who was last domiciled in Alabama immediately prior to departure from the United States or not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

A completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) should be sent to the Board of Registrars in the county of your voting residence as listed below:

Contraction (Contraction)	County Seat	Zip Code
County	Prattville	86067
Autauga	Ray Minette	86507
Baldwin	Clayton	86016
Barbour	Centreville	85042
Bibb	Oneonta	85121
Blount	Union Springs	86089
Bullock	Greenville	86087
Butler	Anniston	86201
Calhoun	Lafayette	86862
Chambers	Centre	85960
Cherokee	Clanton	85045
Chilton	Butler	86904
Choctaw	Grove Hill	86451
Clarke	Ashland	86251
Clay	Hefin	86264
Clebume	Elba	36828
Coffee	Tuscumbia	85674
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Conecuh	Evergreen Rockford	85186
Coosa	Andalusia	86420
Covington		86049
Crenshaw	Luverne	85055
Cullman	Cullman	86860
Dale	Ozark	86701
Dallas	Selma	85967
De Kalb	Fort Payne	86092
Elmore	Wetumpka	36426
Escambia	Brewton	85901
Etowah	Gadsden	85555
Fayette	Fayette	85658
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### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may register by mail as well as in person to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Merchant Marine, persons employed outside the U.S., and persons in attendance at "institutions of higher learning" outside the U.S.,
    - b. spouses and dependents of such persons.
- 2. Overseas U.S. citizens not covered by any of the categories above and not now claiming Alabama as their domicile or residence may register and vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in

Alabama before departing the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraph B, above, may register absentee by mailing a completed FPCA to the Board of Registrars, county of voting residence. If registering under the OCVRA provisions, persons should send the completed FPCA to the Board of Registrars of the county in which they resided immediately prior to their departure from the United States.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or persons who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Alabama. However, persons having a disqualifying conviction on their record can apply to have their right to vote restored. A request must be submitted to the Alabama State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Montgomery, AL, 36102, requesting to have citizenship restored along with the right to vote. Pardons for any disqualifying convictions must be granted prior to being allowed to register and vote. An individual seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the request for pardon.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person holding an Alabama Registration Certificate remains on the county registration rolls as a qualified elector unless such person failed to vote in at least 1 election during the past 4 year period.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Alabama does not allow registration or request for ballot by proxy.

#### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration by FPCA or State Application is denied, an appeal

for review of the denial may be made to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the appropriate county. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the denial.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the County Board of Registrars receives an FPCA, they will review it and, if approved, register that person and forward a registration certificate.

#### II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, who have not already registered may simultaneously apply for both registration and an absentee ballot by mailing 1 completed FPCA to their Board of Registrars, county of voting residence.
- B. In addition to persons in Section I, paragraph B, the following registered persons may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the Absentee Election Manager, county of registration:
  - 1. Members of the United States Military Reserves, including the Alabama National Guard, on Active Duty Training, who will be away from their county of residence on the day of any election.
  - 2. Persons unable to attend the polls because of any physical illness or infirmity whether they are within or out of the county on the day of the election.
  - 3. Current residents of Alabama who will be outside Alabama or away from their county of residence on an election day.
- C. Once registered, all persons should send their FPCA for an absentee ballot to the Absentee Election Manager in the county of their registration.
- D. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- E. All persons applying for an absentee ballot should submit their FPCA no earlier than 60 days and no later than 5 days before an election. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time remembering that the closer to the date of an elec-

tion a ballot request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot by the deadline.

- F. The Clerk should normally be able to forward an absentee ballot no later than 21 days before the primary and general elections.
- G. Voted absentee ballots must be received by the Absentee Election Manager, county of registration, no later than the close of polls on election day for the ballot to be counted.

#### III Oath

Alabama requires that an FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

#### IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Alabama requires completion of all FPCA

items in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.

- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which they wish to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which a ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a absentee ballot is requested.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated on the FPCA request for a primary election ballot.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, authorized U.S. Commissioned Officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

### Alaska

#### I Absentee Registration

Absentee registration is conducted by the Lieutenant Governor in Alaska. Persons currently registered need not register again unless they have failed to vote at least once during the last 2 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Alaska or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Alaska but who was last domiciled in Alaska immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Mail the completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Director of Elections, Pouch AF, Juneau, Alaska, 99811.

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Qualified persons who will be unavoidably absent from their voting precinct on election day, whether within the state or not may apply by mail for registration to vote in Federal, State and local elections.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above category may apply by mail for registration and an absentee ballot to vote in elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Alaska immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above may apply for registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Director of Elections in Juneau. A state registration form will be forwarded. The state registration form must be completed and returned postmarked not later than 30 days before the election in which a person wants to vote.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude and persons who have been judicially determined to be of unsound mind may not vote in Alaska. A person seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote once during the preceding 2 consecutive years.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Alaska does not allow registration by proxy. However, a qualified voter may apply for an absentee ballot by a personal representative not earlier than 20 days before nor later than the date of the election.

#### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied an appeal for review of the denial may be made. Such a person should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

The voter will be advised when registration has been completed.

#### II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2 may, after they have registered, apply for an absentee ballot by submitting another completed FPCA to the Director of Elections in Juneau. Persons currently registered need only to send one completed FPCA to the Director of Elections to request an absentee ballot.
- B. An FPCA requesting an absentee ballot must reach the Lieutenant Governor not earlier than 6 months nor less than 7 days before the election in which an absentee ballot is sought.

- C. Once registered, all persons may use a single FPCA to request an absentee ballot for both the primary and the general election.
- D. Ballots will be mailed as soon as they have been printed and are available—at least 15 days before the election.
- E. The voted ballot should be mailed to the election officials in the envelope provided.
- F. The postmark on the envelope returning the ballot must be not later than the date of the election. Ballots will be counted provided they are received by election officials not later than 4 p.m. on the 15th day following the election.

## III Oath

Alaska does not require that FPCAs used for registration or ballot request purposes be completed pursuant to oath. However, both the state registration form and the absentee ballot return envelope must be executed pursuant to oath.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Alaska requires completion of FPCA Items 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 15 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the community of voting residence.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election/elections for which absentee ballots are requested. One (1) FPCA may be submitted to request an absentee ballot for both the primary and the general election by checking FPCA Items 7(a) and (c).

## **Arizona**

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Recorder at each County Seat. Registration is permanent, but a person's name will be removed from the registration rolls for not voting in the preceding general election. A general election takes place in November of each even-numbered year.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means an Arizona resident.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Arizona but who was last domiciled in Arizona immediately prior to departure from the United States and who is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for registration should be submitted to the County Recorder at the County Seat of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Apache	Saint Johns	85986
Cochise	Bisbee	85603
Coconino	Flagstaff	86001
Gila	Globe	85501
Graham	Safford	85546
Greenlee	Clifton	85588
Maricopa	Phoenix	85003
Mohave	Kingman	86401
Navajo	Holbrook	86025
Pima	Tucson	85701
Pinal	Florence	85232
Santa Cruz	Nogales	85621
Yavapai	Prescott	86301
Yuma	Yuma	85364

### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons must register in order to vote and may register absentee:
  - a. persons in the United States service and the spouse and any dependent of such person if otherwise qualified to vote and actually residing with the person, and,
  - b. persons temporarily absent from the state.

2. Overseas Citizens are not required to register in order to vote in Arizona.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Absentee registration procedures vary for different categories of Arizona residents. In order to register absentee, all persons who are required to register, (those listed in paragraph B1 above) must use the state registration form called the "Affidavit of Registration."
- 2. A member of the United States service and the spouse and any dependent of such person, if otherwise qualified to vote and actually residing with the person, may use a single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request the "Affidavit of Registration" and an absentee ballot.
- 3. All other persons absent from the state may make a written request for an "Affidavit of Registration" form.
- 4. The "Affidavit of Registration" must be signed and sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths and returned to the County Recorder within the following deadlines: not less than 5 days before the election for people in the United States service and the spouse and any dependent of such person if otherwise qualified to vote and actually residing with the person; and not less than 50 days before the election for all other persons who must register prior to voting.
- 5. In the event the "Affidavit of Registration" is sent with an absentee ballot, the affidavit must be returned before the deadlines set forth in paragraph C4 above.
- 6. NOTE: In Arizona voters must also complete the state "Application for Absentee Ballot" form, discussed later under Section II, paragraph C. It is important to note that a member of the United States service and their spouse and dependents may receive this "Application for Absentee Ballot" along with an "Affidavit for Registration" form and may also receive an absentee ballot at the same time. If this occurs, persons in this category must complete all forms and return the forms before the deadlines set forth in paragraph C4 above.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

- 1. Persons convicted of treason, a felony (unless restored to civil rights), under guardianship, mentally incompetent, or insane may not register or vote in Arizona.
- 2. An individual seeking restoration of civil rights and voting rights should contact the local legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote in the preceding general election. The person will be sent a notice of cancellation by February 1 of the year following the general election. The notice will indicate cancellation and the voter file information on the elector stating that if the information is correct and the notice is returned by the elector not later than April 1, the registration record of the elector will be restored.

## F. Application for Registration by Proxy

Arizona does not allow registration by proxy.

## G. Appeal of Denial of Registration

There is no formal appeal from a denial of registration. If a denial is received, the person should seek the assistance of the local legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

The County Recorder will notify the person by postcard that his name appears in the general register.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The following persons may vote absentee:
- 1. Those who expect to be absent from their precinct on the day of election, including members of the United States service and their spouse and dependents who are otherwise qualified to vote and reside with such service member.
  - 2. Overseas Citizens.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the County Recorder, county of voting residence.

- C. There are two forms which may be used to request an absentee ballot, (1) the FPCA, or (2) the state form called the "Application for Absentee Ballot." The category which the voter is in determines which form should be used.
- D. The FPCA may be used by persons in the United States service and their spouses and dependents who are otherwise qualified to vote and when actually residing with them and by Overseas Citizens. They will be sent the "Application for Absentee Ballot" along with the ballot. Arizona election procedures require that this form must be completed and returned with the ballot.
- E. All other persons must make a written recorder. An "Application for Absentee Ballot" form and the absentee ballot will be sent to the person either both at the same time or—depending upon the time available and local county practice—the "Application for Absentee Ballot" will be sent before the absentee ballot is mailed. The "Application for Absentee Ballot" should be completed and returned as soon as it is received.
- F. Arizona election officials will accept requests for absentee ballots up to 90 days before an election and not later than the Friday preceding the election.
- G. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as printed and available; approximately 30 days before the election.
- H. Voted ballots must be received by election officials not later than 7 p.m. on election day.

#### III Oath

- A. The State "Affidavit of Registration," the "Application for Absentee Ballot," and the absentee ballot return envelope must be signed and sworn to by the voter.
- B. The FPCA used to request an absentee ballot does not have to be sworn to.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Arizona requires that a person complete all FPCA items except 4, 6a, 12 and 16 when using the FPCA to request a registration form; and all items except 4, 6a, 12, and 16 when using the FPCA to request an absentee ballot.

- B. A separate request for absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. A single FPCA may be used by members of the United States service, spouse and dependents residing with them as a simultaneous request for the "Affidavit of Registration," "Application for an Absentee Ballot," and for an absentee ballot for one election.
- D. Overseas citizens may use an FPCA as a simultaneous request for an "Application for an Absentee Ballot" and an absentee ballot.
- E. FPCA Item 2. Must be the complete address where the person lived in the community in Arizona in which the person desires to vote.

Voters are cautioned their state of birth is not their state of voting residence if they are now residents of another state.

- F. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.
- H. The "Affidavit of Registration," which is the state registration form, and the FPCA when used to request an absentee ballot must be sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths.

# **Arkansas**

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk. Persons currently registered need not register again.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Arkansas or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Arkansas but who was last domiciled in Arkansas immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application should be made to the County Clerk, county of voting residence at the county seat as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Arkansas	Dewitt	72042
Ashley	Hamburg	71646
Baxter	Mountain Home	72658
Benton	Bentonville	72712
Boone	Harrison	72601
Bradley	Warren	71671
Calhoun	Hampton	71744
Carroll	Berryville	72616
Chicot	Lake Village	71653
Clark	Arkadelphia	71923
Clay	Corning	72422
Cleburne	Heber Springs	72543
Cleveland	Rison	71665
Columbia	Magnolia	71753
Conway	Morrilton	72110
Craighead	Jonesboro	72401
Crawford	Van Buren	72956
Crittenden	Marion	72364
Cross	Wynne	72396
Dallas	Fordyce	71742
Desha	Arkansas City	71630
Drew	Monticello	71655
Faulkner	Conway	72032
Franklin	Charleston	72933
Fulton	Salem	72576
Garland	Hot Springs Natl. Pork	71901
Grant	Sheridan	72150
Greene	Paragould	72450
Hempstead	Норе	71801
Hot Spring	Malvern	72104
Howard	Nashville	71852
Independence	Batesville	72501
Isard	Melbourne	72556
Jackson	Newport	72112
Jefferson	Pine Bluff	71601
Johnson	Clarksville	72830

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Lafayette	Lewisville	71845
Lawrence	Walnut Ridge	72476
Lee	Marianna	72360
Lancoln	Star City	71667
Little River	Ashdown	71822
Logan	Booneville	72927
Lonoke	Lonoke	72086
Madison	Huntsville	72740
Marion	Yellville	72687
Miller	Texarkana	75501
Mississippi	Blytheville	72315
Monroe	Clarendon	72029
Montgomery	Mount Ida	71957
Nevada	Prescott	71857
Newton	Jasper	72641
Ouachita	Camden	71701
Perry	Perryville	72126
Phillips	Helena	72342
Pike	Murfreesboro	71953
Poinsett	Harrisburg	72432
Polk	Mena	71953
Pope	Russellville	72801
Prairie	Des Arc	72040
Pulaski	Little Rock	72201
Randolph	Pocahontas	72455
St. Francis	Forest City	72335
Saline	Benton	72015
Scott	Waldron	72958
Searcy	Marshall	72650
Sebastian	Fort Smith	72901
Sevier	De Queen	71832
Sharp	Ash Fiat	72513
Stone	Mountain View	72560
Union	El Dorado	71730
Van Buren	Clinton	72031
Washington	Fayetteville	72701
White	Searcy	72143
Woodruff	Augusta	72006
Yell	Danville	72833

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Residents of Arkansas in the following categories are eligible for registration waiver and may apply by mail for an absentee ballot:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine of the United States;
  - b. spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories and not now claiming Arkansas as their domicile or residence are eligible for registration waiver and may apply by mail for an absentee ballot under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Arkansas before departing the U.S. and are now overseas.
- 3. Residents of Arkansas in the following categories may apply by mail for permanent registration and for an absentee ballot:
  - a. persons who will be unavoidably absent from their voting place on an election day;

b. persons who, due to illness or physical disability, will be unable to attend the polls on an election day.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. The voters listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may obtain an administrative determination of registration exemption by sending a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Clerk, county of voting residence. Registration waiver and an absentee ballot request are accomplished simultaneously by the use of one FPCA.
- 2. The voters listed in paragraph B3 above, may obtain a State Affidavit of Registration by sending a completed FPCA (or other written request) to their county clerk. When the completed state form is returned and the voter found qualified the clerk will permanently register the individual.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a felony or who are mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Arkansas. However, persons with a felony conviction who have completely discharged their sentence may reregister to vote.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

There is no cancellation of registration unless a person fails to vote in an election during a four-year period.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

There is no provision for registration or obtaining an absentee ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person is denied registration an appeal may be brought to the County Board of Registration. Such a person should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

- 1. When the County Clerk receives the FPCA submitted by persons in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, it will be reviewed and if the person is found to be qualified, an absentee ballot will be forwarded to the person.
- 2. Persons listed in paragraph B3 above, must permanently register with the County Clerk. When the State Affidavit of Registration is returned and the voter is found qualified, the county clerk will permanently register these persons.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2 may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence. A single FPCA may be submitted by those voters to simultaneously accomplish registration waiver and to request an absentee ballot.
- B. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B3 may, after they have permanently registered, apply for an absentee ballot by submitting a completed FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- C. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1 should send the FPCA to reach the County Clerk not earlier than 60 days before the election.

Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B2 should send the FPCA to reach the County Clerk not earlier than 90 days before the election.

- D. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wants to vote absentee.
- E. The County Clerk should normally be able to forward absentee ballots as early as 25 days before an election.
- F. Absentee ballots must be returned to the County Clerk no later than the close of polls on election day. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time remembering that the closer to the date of an election a ballot request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.

## III Oath

Arkansas does not require that FPCAs used for registration and/or absentee ballot request purposes, the State Affidavit of Registration, or the absentee ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to notarized oath. However, in all instances indicated above the document is executed subject to penalty of perjury.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. One (1) FPCA submitted by persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, serves simultaneously to accomplish a waiver of registration and to request an absentee ballot.
- B. Arkansas requires completion of all FPCA items except Items 5, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 16 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
  - C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate complete

address (including number and street/rural route) at which the person lived in the county in which they wish to vote.

D. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wants to vote.

Note: Primaries are an exception. When there are 2 primaries, only one application is required if it is stated on the application that ballots for both primaries are requested.

- E. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed when requesting a primary election ballot. Failure to indicate a political party will result in the individual receiving no ballot for that election.
- F. FPCA Item 15: Must be signed. Item 16, however, need not be completed.

## California

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk (Registrar of Voters) in the county of voting residence.

Registration is permanent unless a voter changes legal residence, name, or when official election mail addressed to the voter is returned by the post office to the local election official and the voter fails to vote in the subsequent primary or general election. To avoid being purged from the registration list, persons should advise the local election official of their current address.

California also has a procedure for annual temporary registration for special groups of people discussed in paragraph C2, below.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a California resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who will have attained the age of 18 by the election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of California, but who was last domiciled in California immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not now registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Applications for registration should be submitted to the County Clerk of the county seat of county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Alameda*	Oakland	94612
Alpine	Markleeville	96120
Amador	Jackson	95642
Butte	Oroville	95065
Calaveras	San Andreas	95249
Colusa	Colusa	95982
Contra Costa	Martines	94558
Del Norte	Crescent City	95581
El Dorado	Placerville	95667
Fresno	Fresno	98721
Glenn	Willows	95988
Humboldt	Eureka	95501
Imperial	El Centro	92248
Inyo	Independence	93526
Kern	Bakersfield	98801
Kings	Hanford	98280
Lake	Lakeport	95453

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Lassen	Susanville	96180
Los Angeles*	Los Angeles	90012
Madera	Madera	98687
Marin	San Rafael	94908
Mariposa	Mariposa	95338
Mendocino	Ukiah	95482
Merced	Merced	95840
Modoc	Alturas	96101
Mono	Bridgeport	98517
Monterey	Salinas	98901
Napa	Napa	94558
Nevada	Nevada City	95959
Orange*	Santa Ana	92701
Placer	Auburn	95608
Plumas	Quincy	95971
Riverside	Riverside	92501
Sacramento	Sacramento	95814
San Benito	Hollister	95028
San Bernardino	San Bernardino	92401
San Diego*	San Diego	92101
San Francisco*	San Francisco	94102
San Josquin	Stockton	95202
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	98401
San Mateo	Redwood City	94068
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	98101
Santa Clara*	San Jose	95113
Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	95060
Shasta	Redding	96001
Sierra	Downieville	95936
Siskiyou	Yreka	96097
Solano	Fairfield	94588
Sonoma	Santa Rosa	95403
Stanislaus	Modesto	95858
Sutter	Yuba City	95991
Tehama	Red Bluff	96080
Trinity	Weaverville	96098
Tulare	Vișalia	98277
Tuolumne	Sonora	95870
Ventura	Ventura	98001
Yolo	Woodland	95695
Yuba	Marysville	95900

<sup>\*</sup> Send FPCA to Registrar of Voters.

## B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register absentee in California:

- 1. all residents of California, and
- 2. Overseas Citizens.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Registration procedures in California vary depending upon the category of voter.
- 2. "Special Absentee Voters" as defined below may use a single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request temporary registration and an absentee ballot for one election.

"Special Absentee Voters" are defined as: members of the Armed Forces of the United States or any auxiliary branch thereof or their spouses or dependents; a citizen of the United States temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia; a person serving on a merchant vessel documented under the laws of the United States.

Although "Special Absentee Voters" are registered temporarily when they use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot they may be registered on a permanent basis by completing the "Affidavit of Registration" form which should be sent with the absentee ballot.

- 3. All other persons including Overseas Citizens use the "Affidavit of Registration" form to register absentee. This form may be requested from the County Clerk in person, by FPCA, or any written request. The "Affidavit of Registration" must be completed and returned so as to be received by the County Clerk not later than the close of registration—29 days before the election. The deadline for returning the "Affidavit of Registration" does not apply to "Special Absentee Voters."
- 4. NOTE: When an Overseas Citizen who is not registered requests an absentee ballot the County Clerk will send the "Affidavit of Registration (Overseas Voter)" and an absentee ballot when it becomes available. If the "Affidavit of Registration (Overseas Voter)" is sent with the absentee ballot it should be returned when the ballot is returned. If the affidavit is sent to a person before the ballot, the affidavit should be completed and returned as soon as it is received by the deadline noted in paragraph 3, above.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who are currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony may not register or vote in California.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's name will be removed from the registration rolls when official election mail addressed to the voter is returned by the post office to the local elections official and the voter fails to vote in the subsequent primary or general election.

#### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

California has no provision for registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If the person receives a Notice of Denial of Registration the request should be resubmitted correcting all deficiencies. If a second denial is received then the person should seek assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

### H. State Action on Registration Requests

- 1. Persons will be advised if the "Affidavit of Registration" has been accepted or if it has been rejected and the reason for the rejection.
- 2. Persons in California are not advised that their application for registration is accepted when an FPCA is used for temporary registration.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent directly to the County Clerk (Registrar of Voters) in the county of voting residence.
- B. "Special Absentee Voters" listed in Section I, paragraph C2, and Overseas Citizens may use the FPCA or other writing to request an absentee ballot. "Special Absentee Voters" who are not registered must use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot in order to vote and be temporarily registered for the election in which they desire to vote.
- C. The written request for absentee ballot must include the following information: the printed name and voting residence address in the county where the person is voting; the address to which the absentee ballot is to be mailed; the name and date of the election for which the absentee ballot is being requested; and the signature of the voter.
- D. All other persons must use the state absentee ballot request form or other writing to request an absentee ballot. The state form may be requested from the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- E. A separate FPCA must be submitted to request an absentee ballot for each election.

- F. California has traditionally preferred that requests for absentee ballots be received not earlier than 60 days before the election. Applications for absentee ballots must be received not less than 7 days before the election.
- G. Absentee ballots will be sent to the voters as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 30 days before the election.
- H. A voted absentee ballot must reach the designated official by close of polls on the day of election.

### III Oath

All oaths required on all California election related material may be self-administered.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. California requires that a person complete all FPCA items except Items 4, 5, 6, 12 and 16 in order to use the FPCA as a request

for temporary registration (or as a request for the "Affidavit of Registration (Overseas Voter)" and/or as a request for an absentee ballot.

- B. A single FPCA may be used by "Special Absentee Voters" to request temporary registration and one absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person lived in the community in California in which the person desires to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which the absentee ballot is being requested. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" will result in a person not receiving an absentee ballot for any election.
- E. A separate request for absentee ballot must be used to request a ballot for each election.
- F. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting an absentee ballot for a primary election.

## Colorado

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk (Election Commission for Denver County) at each county seat. Registration is permanent but a person's name may be removed from the registration rolls for failure to vote in the general election. A general election takes place in November of each even numbered year.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Colorado resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has, or will have, attained the age of 18 years by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Colorado but who was last domiciled in Colorado immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Applications for absentee registration should be sent to the County Clerk (Election Commission in Denver County), the county of voting residence at each county seat listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Codo
Adams	Brighton	80601
Alamosa	Alamosa	81101
Arapahoe	Littleton	80120
Archuleta	Pagosa Springs	81147
Baca	Springfield	81078
Bent	Las Animas	81054
Boulder	Boulder	80802
Chaffee	Salida	81201
Cheyenne	Cheyenne Wells	80810
Clear Creek	Georgetown	80444
Conejos	Conejos	81129
Costilla	San Luis	81152
Crowley	Ordway	81063
Custer	Westcliffe	81252
Delta	Delta	81416
Denver	Denver	80202
Dolores	Dove Creek	81324
Douglas	Castle Rock	80104
Eagle	Eagle	81681
Elbert	Kiowa	80117
El Paso	Colorado Springs	80902
Freemont	Canon City	81212
Garfield	Glenwood Springs	81601
Gilpin	Central City	80427
Grand	Hot Sulphur Springs	80451
Gunnison	Gunnison	81280
Hinsdale	Lake City	81235
Huerfano	Walsenburg	81089

County	County Seat	Zip Cede
Jackson	Walden	80480
Jefferson	Golden	80401
Kiowa	Ends	81086
Kit Carson	Burlington	80807
Lake	Leadville	80461
La Plata	Durango	81801
Larimer	Fort Collins	80521
Las Animas	Tr:nided	81082
Lincoln	Hugo	80821
Logan	Sterling	80761
Mesa	Grand Junction	81501
Mineral	Creede	81180
Moffat	Craig	81625
Montesuma	Cortez	81321
Montrose	Montrose	81401
Morgan	Fort Morgan	80701
Otero	La Junta	81050
Ouray	Ouray	81427
Park	Fairplay	80440
Phillips	Holyoke	80784
Pitkin	Aspen	81611
Prowers	Lamar	81052
Pueblo	Pueblo	81008
Rio Blanco	Meeker	81641
Rio Grande	Del Norte	81132
Routt	Steamboat Springs	80477
Saguache	Saguache	81149
San Juan	Silverton	81433
San Miguel	Telluride	81485
Sedgwick	Julesburg	80787
Summit	Breckenridge	80424
Teller	Cripple Creek	80818
Washington	Akron	80720
Weld	Greeley	80481
Yuma	Wray	80758

## B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register absentee in Colorado:

- 1. Qualified electors in the "United States service." "United States service" means members of the Armed Forces while in active service and their spouses and dependents, members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents, civilian employees of the United States in all categories serving outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them; members of religious groups or welfare agencies assisting members of the Armed Forces who are officially attached to and serving with the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents; and residents of Colorado who are temporarily living outside of the territorial limits of the United States.
  - 2. Qualified electors who are absent from

the country and are unable to register in person.

3. Overseas Citizens.

## C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Registration procedures in Colorado vary for different categories of persons.
- 2. Persons in the "United States service," may use a single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) as the registration form and as the request for one absentee ballot.
- 3. The FPCA, when used as a registration form, must also be completed, signed and sworn to before any commissioned officer in the active service of the Armed Forces, any member of the Merchant Marine of the United States designated for this purpose by the Secretary of Commerce or any civilian official empowered by state or federal law to administer oaths.
- 4. Overseas citizens must use the registration form prescribed by the Colorado Secretary of State. This form may be requested from the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- 5. All other persons qualified to register absentee must use the state form for absentee registration called the "Affidavit of Registration." This form may be requested in writing from the County Clerk. Users of this form must ensure the form is completed, signed, and sworn to or acknowledged before a person authorized to administer oaths at the place where it is signed.
- 6. Whichever form is used to accomplish registration must be filed with the County Clerk before the close of registration. Registration closes 29 days before the election for Overseas Citizens and 32 days before the election for all other persons.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons confined in any public prison or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Colorado. For persons in confinement, their citizenship with the right to vote is restored automatically when they are no longer in confinement in a prison.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote in the general election and failure to return to the County Clerk and Recorder the notice that the voting records show that the person failed to vote and that their name will be removed from the registration book if they do not request a continuation of registration. This notice is mailed to the voter's last address by nonforwardable mail to be returned within 30 days of the date of mailing.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Colorado permits an extremely limited form of registration by family member. A registered voter may register another family member who resides at the same address as the voter.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's request for registration is denied, the application should be resubmitted correcting any deficiencies. If a second denial is received the person should consult a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in filing any appeal.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the County Clerk in your county of residence receives the completed FPCA, it will be reviewed and, if the person is found to be a qualified elector, the person will be registered and sent an absentee ballot when the ballot is available.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the County Clerk (Election Commission for Denver County) county of voting residence. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, may also vote by absentee ballot in Colorado.
- B. An absentee ballot may be requested in one of two ways, depending upon the category absentee voter.
- C. Persons in the "United States service," and Overseas Citizens may use an FPCA to request an absentee ballot. If the FPCA is used to request registration, that FPCA will also

serve as the request for an absentee ballot, and must be received before the close of registration.

- D. A separate FPCA submission is required to obtain absentee ballots for each election.
- E. All other persons entitled to vote absentee should use a written request giving their name, voting residence address, and reason(s) why they will be absent from their precinct, the address to which the ballot should be sent and, if the request is for a primary election ballot, political party preference must also be noted.
- F. Requests for an absentee ballot should be submitted not earlier than 90 days before the election for which a ballot is being requested. Note: If the FPCA used as a registration form is received by the local election official more than 90 days before the election for which a ballot is being requested, then a second FPCA must be used to request the absentee ballot.
- G. Absentee ballots will be mailed upon availability—approximately 20 days before the election for which a ballot is being requested.
- H. Absentee ballots must be returned to the County Clerk no later than the close of polls, 7 p.m. on election day.

## III Oath

The registration form, whichever form is used, and the affidavit on the ballot return envelope must be sworn to.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Persons permitted to use the FPCA to register to vote and to request an absentee ballot must complete all FPCA items. Persons who are already registered voters, and are using the FPCA only as an absentee ballot request, must complete all FPCA items except Item 16. The FPCA, when used as a request for absentee registration, must be witnessed by and sworn to before a notary public, a U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths. The "Affidavit of Registration" and the registration form used by Overseas Citizens must be sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.

- B. A single FPCA may be used by those people listed in Section I, paragraph C2, as the registration form and as a request for 1 absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address at which the person lived in the county in Colorado in which the person desires to vote. A rural route is not acceptable as a residence address.
- D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their state of birth is not necessarily their state of voting residence if they are now residents of another state.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which a ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA request for an absentee ballot is required for each election.
- F. FPCA Item 8: If an FPCA is used to request a primary election ballot, political party preference must be completed. Failure to list a preference will result in the person not receiving a ballot for that election.

# Connecticut

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, or the Board for Admission of Electors of the town of voting residence. Registration is permanent.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Connecticut resident and includes Overseas Electors.

The term CVERSEAS ELECTOR as used herein means any citizen of the United States otherwise qualified to register and vote in Connecticut who is at least 18 years of age; who resides outside of the United States and who immediately prior to moving outside the United States was a bona fide resident of Connecticut, who does not maintain a domicile, is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state or election district of a state or territory or in any territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

The application for absentee registration should be submitted to the Town Clerk of voting residence.

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may register by absentee process:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine,
  - c. members of religious or welfare groups or agencies serving with the Armed Forces,
  - d. persons in the civilian employment of the United States,
  - e. a spouse or dependent of the above persons.
- 2. Overseas electors are not required to register in Connecticut in order to vote by absentee ballot. (They may apply for the Overseas Ballot on the state form or the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) by checking items 9(b) and 10(g)). A separate form or FPCA must be sent for each ballot request.
  - 3. All other persons must register in person.

#### C. Registration Procedures

1. Absentee registration procedures vary for different categories of Connecticut residents.

Members of the Armed Forces, members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents may use the FPCA as the registration form.

- 2. All other persons authorized to register absentee must use the state absentee registration form entitled "Application for Absentee Admission as an Elector." This form may be requested in writing from the town clerk by using an FPCA or other writing.
- 3. The FPCA and the "Application for Absentee Admission as an Elector" must be sworn to before a commissioned officer in the United States Armed Forces, or any counsel, vice counsel or deputy counsel representing the United States in a foreign country.
- 4. The FPCA used as the registration form or the "Application for Absentee Admission as an Elector" must be received by 5 p.m. of the day before the election or 14 days before the primary in order for the absentee ballot to be counted.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony are prohibited from registering and voting in Connecticut. Individuals seeking restoration of their voting rights should contact their local legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is permanent; there is no provision for cancellation of registration.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Connecticut has no provisions for requesting registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's request for registration has been denied, the information requested in the Notice of the Denial should be provided. If a second denial is received the person should seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the person's request for registration has been accepted by the Registrar of Voters or the Board for Admission of Electors, the voter will be so notified in writing.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Town Clerk of the town of voting residence.
- B. The FPCA used to request absentee registration may also be used to request an absentee ballot for one election. A separate request must be made for a ballot for each election.
- C. The following persons may vote absentee and use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot in Connecticut:
  - 1. members of the Armed Forces,
  - 2. members of the Merchant Marine,
  - 3. members of religious or welfare agencies attached to and serving with the Armed Forces.
    - 4. spouses or dependents of the above,
  - 5. persons in civilian employment of the United States, serving outside of the United States and their spouses and dependents residing with and accompanying them,
  - 6. residents of Connecticut temporarily outside of the United States,
    - 7. Overseas Electors.
- D. Other persons entitled to vote absentee must use the state form to request an absentee ballot.
- E. Absentee ballots are available 30 days before the general election.
- F. Voted ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by the close of polls on election day.

## III Special Write-in Absentee Ballots

A. Connecticut provides a special procedure for a general election write-in absentee ballot for those members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents residing with or accompanying them, who, due to military contingencies, cannot follow the regular application procedures.

- B. To request a special write-in absentee ballot, the person should write to the Town Clerk for the form prescribed by the Connecticut Secretary of State especially for this purpose. On the written request for this form the person should state that "due to military contingencies, the regular application procedures for an absentee ballot cannot be followed."
- C. Application for a special write-in absentee ballot may be made not earlier than 90 days before the general election.
- D. The special write-in absentee ballot will contain the following offices open for election during the year made: presidential electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress and Governor.

#### IV Oath

The application for Absentee Registration and the FPCA when used as a registration form must be sworn to.

The application for absentee ballot and the ballot return envelope do not have to be sworn

## V Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Connecticut requires that a person complete all FPCA items except Items 5 and 6a when using the FPCA as a registration form; and Items 5, 6a and 16 when using the FPCA only as a request for absentee ballot.
- B. The FPCA used as a registration form by members of the Armed Forces, members of the Merchant Marine, and by their spouses and dependents will also serve as the request for an absentee ballot for one election.
- C. A separate FPCA is required to obtain an absentee ballot for each election.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address at which the voter lived in the town of voting residence in Connecticut;
- E. FPCA Item 3: Persons are cautioned that their state of birth is not necessarily their state of voting residence if they are now residents of another state.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Must specify the particular election for which a ballot is being requested.

Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving an absentee ballot for any election.

G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed only

when requesting a primary election ballot. Failure to state political party preference will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

## **Delaware**

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Department of Elections. If you are currently registered you need not register again unless you have failed to vote at least once in the last 2 general elections.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Delaware or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Delaware but who was last domiciled in Delaware immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the **Department of Elections**, county of voting residence, at the county seat as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Kent	Dover	19901
New Castle	Wilmington	19801
Sussex	Georgetown	19947

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for permanent registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. U.S. citizens serving with or accompanying the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine.
  - d. U.S. citizens temporarily residing outside of the United States.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for permanent registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions

of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Delaware immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

## C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may apply for permanent registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Department of Elections, county of voting residence (Note on the FPCA form that state registration forms are requested). The FPCA must be received by the Department of Elections not later than 30 days before the election. Election officials will forward an affidavit of registration, state application to register, and a state ballot request form. Completion and return of the state forms in time to reach the Department of Elections not later than 10 days prior to the election completes the registration process.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony and persons who have been adjudged mentally incompetent are not permitter to register and vote in Delaware.

An individual seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's name will be removed from the registration rolls for failure to vote at least once in the 2 preceding general elections.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Delaware does not allow registration or request for ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied, an appeal may be made. If this occurs the person should seek the assistance of a legal officer or civilian counsel.

### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Delaware does not notify the applicant as to whether the request for registration has been granted.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, who have not yet registered may apply for an absentee ballot by returning the completed State Ballot Request Form along with the State Application to Register, and the State Affidavit of Registration to the Department of Elections, county of voting residence, to be received by election officials not later than 10 days before the election. For these persons, return of the above indicated state forms serves as a simultaneous request for permanent registration and for an absentee ballot.
- B. The persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, who have already registered, may request an absentee ballot by submitting a completed FPCA to the Department of Elections, county of voting residence, to be received by election officials not earlier than 90 days before the election.
- C. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- D. The absentee ballot will be mailed as soon as it is printed and available, approximately 21 days before the election.
- E. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of an election you send your request, the less

time you will have to receive and return your absentee ballot.

F. Voted ballots must reach election officials not later than 12 noon on the day before the election.

## III Oath

Delaware requires that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, the State Affidavit of Registration, and the ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to oath.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Delaware requires completion of all FPCA items in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which that person wishes to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- E. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- F. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must in all cases be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# **District of Columbia**

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics. Persons currently registered, need not register again unless they failed to vote at least once during the last 4 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of the District of Columbia or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR (S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the District of Columbia but who was last domiciled in the District of Columbia immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

Note: The District of Columbia is not a special voting area merely because it is the seat of the Federal Government. Persons who are neither a qualified resident of the District of Columbia nor an Overseas Elector who last resided in the District of Columbia immediately prior to departing the United States are not eligible to register and vote in this jurisdiction.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, District Building, Washington, D.C. 20004.

## B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration and an absentee ballot:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces while in active service and their spouses and dependents.
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents, and
  - c. citizens of the United States temporarily outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for registration and an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in the District of Columbia immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

## C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may apply for permanent registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics. The FPCA must be received by the Board not later than 30 days before the election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons currently imprisoned for conviction of a felony or those adjudged by a court to be mentally incompetent may not register and vote.

Persons seeking restoration of voting and citizenship rights should contact their legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is permanent. However, a person's name will be removed from the registration records if that person does not vote in at least 1 election during a 4 year period.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

The District of Columbia does not provide a procedure to apply for registration and a ballot by proxy.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied, he may appeal the denial. If this occurs, the assistance of a legal officer or civilian counsel should be sought.

## H. Action on Registrataion Requests

Upon registration the District of Columbia

Board of Elections and Ethics will send the voter a "voter identification stub."

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the Board of Elections and Ethics.
- B. A single FPCA serves simultaneously as a request for registration and for an absentee ballot. When used for this dual purpose, the FPCA must reach the Board not later than 30 days before the election.
- C. When used as a ballot request alone, the FPCA must reach the Board not later than 7 days prior to the election.
- D. A separate FPCA ballot request must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- E. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as printed and available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- F. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.
- G. Voted ballots must be postmarked not later than midnight on the day of the election and must be received by the Board of Elections and Ethics not later than 6 days after the day of the election in order to be counted.

## III Oath

The District of Columbia does not require that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes or the absentee ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to notarized oath. However, in all instances indicated above, the document is executed subject to penalty of perjury.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. The District of Columbia requires completion of all FPCA items except Items 5, 6, and 16 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. A separate FPCA ballot request must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which that person wishes to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- E. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- F. FPCA Item 15: Must be completed. The FPCA must in all cases be signed by the person applying for registration and/or absentee ballot.

## **Florida**

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Supervisor of Elections at each county seat. Registration is permanent if the person votes once every 2 years and does not move out of the county.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Florida resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a former resident of the State of Florida who is now living outside of the United States and who resided in Florida immediately prior to leaving the United States and who is not residing in or voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Requests for absentee registration should be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections at the county seat of the county of voting residence listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Alachua	Gainesville	32601
Baker	Maccienny	82063
Bay	Panama City	32401
Bradford	Starke	32091
Brevard	Titusville	82780
Broward	Fort Lauderdale	88801
Calhoun	Blountstown	32424
Charlotte	Punta Gorda	33950
Citrus	Inverness	32650
Clay	Green Cove Springs	\$2048
Collier	Naplus	88940
Columbia	Lake City	\$2055
Dade	Miami	88182
De Soto	Arcadia	33821
Dixie	Cross City	\$2628
Duval	Jacksonville	82202
Escambia	Pensacola	32802
Flagler	Bunnell	\$2010
Franklin	Apalachicola	82320
Gadaden	Quincy	32351
Gilchrist	Trenton	82898
Glades	Moore Haven	88471
Gulf	Port St. Joe	32456
Hamilton	Jasper	22052
Hardee	Wauchula	23873
Hendry	La Belle	22925
Hernando	Brooksville	83512
Highlands	Sebring	88870
Hillsborough	Tampa	23602
Holmes	Bonifay	82425
Indian River	Vero Beach	32960
Jackson	Marianna	32446
Jefferson	Monticello	32344
Lafayette	Mayo	32066
Lake	Tavares	82778
Lee	Fort Myers	33902
Leon	Tallahassee	32301

County	County Beat	Zip Code
Levy	Bronson	32621
Liberty	Bristol	32321
Madison	Madison	32340
Manatee	Bradenton	33505
Marion	Ocala	32670
Martin	Stuart	33494
Monroe	Key West	33040
Nassau	Fernandina Beach	22024
Okaloosa	Crestview	32536
Okeechobee	Okeechobee	33472
Orange	Orlando	82801
Osceolo	Kissimmes	22741
Palm Beach	West Palm Beach	88401
Pasco	Dade City	33525
Pinellas	Clearwater	88516
Polk	Bartow	33834
Putnam	Palatka	32077
St. Johns	Saint Augustine	32054
St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	83450
Santa Rosa	Milton	32570
Sarasota	Sarasota	33577
Semonole	Sanford	32771
Sumter	Bushnell	33513
Suwannee	Live Oak	32060
Taylor	Perry	82347
Union	Lake Butler	32054
Volusia	Deland	32720
Wakulla	Crawfordville	32327
Walton	De Funiak Springe	32433
Washington	Chipley	82428

## B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register by absentee process:

- 1. members of the Armed Forces in active service and their spouses and dependents.
- 2. members of the U.S. Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
- 3. U.S. citizens who are permanent residents of Florida and are residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them,
  - 4. Overseas Citizens.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Registration for all voters in Florida is accomplished by using the State Absentee Registration Form. This form may be requested by the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or other written request. One FPCA used to request the state registration form by people listed in paragraph B above, may also be used to request absentee ballots for all elections during the year.
- 2. The State Absentee Registration form must be completed and returned before the

close of registration-30 days before the election.

- 3. The State Absentee Registration Form must either be witnessed by two registered electors of the county of voting residence or sworn to before a notary public, or person authorized to administer oaths (see Section III).
- 4. Upon return receipt of the State Absentee Registration Form the County Supervisor of Elections will forward, when available, an absentee ballot to the voter.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

No person convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incompetent may register or vote unless competency or civil rights has been restored pursuant to law.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

Florida uses a two-step process for cancellation of registration. If the voter fails to vote at least once during a two-year period and fails to return the notice statement that his status has not changed, then he will have his name temporarily removed. If the voter requests a ballot during this period registration will be reactivated. If the voter fails to respond within 3 years, registration will be cancelled and the person will be required to reregister.

#### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

There is no provision for a request for registration by proxy in Florida.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

- 1. Florida has no formal procedures for appealing denial of registration.
- 2. If a person's application for registration is denied, a new registration form should be submitted providing all information required. If a second denial is received, the person should seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer, or counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

The Supervisor of Elections will send a voter identification card to a voter when registered. There is no formal provision for notice of non-registration.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. An absentee ballot may be requested in person, by phone, by FPCA or other writing, or by a person authorized, in writing, by the voter to make the request.
- B. The following people may use a single FPCA to request absentee ballots for all elections in the year in which it is made, provided that in FPCA Item 7, (a), (b), and (c) are circled:
  - 1. members of the Armed Forces while in the active service and their spouses and dependents;
  - 2. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents:
  - 3. citizens of the United States who are permanent residents of the state and are residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them; and
    - 4. Overseas Citizens.
- C. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Supervisor of Elections, county seat county of voting residence.
- D. Requests for absentee ballots may be made any time up to 1 day before the election.
- E. Voted ballots must be received by local election officials before the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

- A. The FPCA used to request the State Absentee Registration Form and the absentee ballot does not have to be sworn to.
- B. The Absentee Registration Form must either be witnessed by two persons from the county in which the person is registering or sworn to before a notary public, or person authorized to administer oaths.
- C. The ballot return envelope must be witnessed by two persons over the age of 18.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Florida requires that a person complete all items on the FPCA except Items 3(b), 4(a), 6 and 16 in order to use the FPCA as a request for the Absentee Registration Form and/or absentee ballot.

B. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address at which the voter lived in the community of voting residence in Florida.

C. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their state of birth is not their state of voting residence if they are now residents of another state.

D. FPCA Item 7: All of the elections for which a person wants to vote during the year: (a) primary, (b) special, and (c) general must be circled. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.

E. FPCA Item 8: The political party for which the primary election ballot is requested. Failure to note the political party will result in no primary election ballot being sent.

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## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Board of Registrars at each county seat. Registration is permanent provided a person votes once in any 3 year period.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Georgia resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of the next election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Georgia but who was last domiciled in Georgia immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for registration should be submitted to the Board of Registration at the county seat of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Appling	Baxley	81518
Atkinson	Pearson	81642
Bacon	Alma	\$1510
Baker	Newton	31770
Baldwin	Milledgeville	81061
Banks	Homer	30547
Barrow	Winder	80680
Bartow	Cartersville	80120
Ben Hill	Fitzgerald	\$1750
Berrien	Nashville	\$1689
Bibb	Macon	\$1202
Bleckley	Cochran	81014
Brantley	Nahunta	21552
Brooks	Quitman	81648
Bryan	Pembroke	31821
Bullock	Statesboro	80458
Burke	Waynesboro	30830
Butte	Jackson	80288
Calhoun	Morgan	31766
Camden	Woodbine	81569
Candler	Metter	80489
Carroll	Carrollton	30117
Catoosa	Ringgold	80786
Charlton	Folkston	\$1587
Chatham	Savannah	81402
Chattahoochee	Cusseta	\$1805
Chattoora	Summerville	80747
Cherokee	Canton	30114
Clarke	Athens	80601
Clay	Fort Gaines	21751
Clayton	Jonesboro	30236
Clinch	Homerville	31684

Columbia	Appling	21007
Cook	Adel	\$1620
Coweta	Newman	30263
Crawford	Knoxville	81050
Crisp	Cordele	\$1016
Dade	Trenton	20752
Dawson	Dawsonville	30534
Decatur	Bainbridge	\$1717
De Kalb	Decatur	30030
Dodge	Eastman	31023
Dooly	Vienna	81092
Dougherty	Albany	\$1701
Douglas	Douglasville	30134
Early	Blakely	31723
Echols	Statenville	\$1648 21000
Effingham	Springfield	31329
Elbert	Elberton	30635
Emanuel	Ewainsboro	30401
Evans	Claxton	30417
Fannin	Blue Ridge	30518
Fayette	Fayetteville	80214
Floyd	Rome	80161
Forsyth	Cumming	30130 30521
Franklin	Carnesville	- 11
Fulton	Atlanta	30373 30548
Gilmer	Ellijay	30810
Glascock	Gibson	81530
Glynn	Brunawick	80701
Gordon	Calhoun	81728
Grady	Cairo	30642
Greene	Greensboro Lawrenceville	30245
Gwinnett	Clarksville	30523
Habersham Hall		30501
Hancock	Gainesville Sparta	81087
Haralson	Buchanan	20112
	Hamilton	31811
Harris	Hartwell	80648
Hart Heard	Franklin	30217
Henry	McDonough	30258
Houston	Perry	81069
Irwin	Ocilla	81774
Jackson	Jefferson	80549
Jasper	Monticello	\$1064
Jeff Davis	Haslehurst	81589
Jefferson	Louisville	30484
Jenkins	Millen	30442
Johnson	Wrightsville	31096
Jones	Gray	\$1032
Lamar	Barnesville	80204
Lanier	Lakeland	\$1615
Laurens	Dublin	81021
Lee	Lessburg	\$1768
Liberty	Hinesville	81818
Lincoln	Lincolnton	80817
Long	Ludowici	31816
Lownder	Valdosta	\$1601
Lumpkin	Dahlonega	30523
McDuffle	Thomson	30824
McIntoch	Darien	81805
Macon	Oglethorpe	\$1068
Madison	Danielsville	80688
Marion	Buena Vista	\$180\$
Meriwether	Greensville	30222
Miller	Colquitt	81787
Mitchell	Camilla	81780
Monroe	Forsyth	31029
Montgomery	Mount Vernon	80448
Morran	Madison	80650
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County Seat

Marietta

Douglas

Moultrie

Appling

Zip Code

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County	County Seat	Zip Code
Murray	Chatsworth	80705
Museogee	Columbus	31902
Newton	Covington	30209
Oconee	Watkinsville	30677
Oglethorpe	Lexington	80648
Paulding	Dallas	80182
Peach	Fort Valley	\$1030
Pickens	Jasper	30148
Pierce	Blacksbear	21516
Pike	Zebulon	80295
Polk	Cedartown	80125
Pulaski	Hawkinsville	31036
Putnam	Eatonton	81024
Quitman	Georgetown	81754
Rabun	Clayton	80525
Randolph	Cuthbert	81740
Richmond	Augusta	80908
Rockdale	Conyers	80207
Schley	Ellaville	81806
Screven	Sylvania	80467
Seminole	Donalsonville	81745
Spalding	Griffin	30223
Stephens	Toccoa	80577
Stewart	Lumpkin	\$1815
Sumter Talbot	Americus	81709
Taliaferro	Crawfordville	\$1827 \$06\$1
Tattnail	Reideville	20452
Taylor	Butler	81006
Telfair	Mac Rae	81055
Terrell	Dawson	31742
Thomas	Thomasville	31792
Tift	Tifton	21794
Toombs	Lyons	80436
Towns	His wasses	80546
Treutlen	Soperton	80457
Troup	La Grange	80240
Turner	Ashburn	81714
Twiggs	Jeffersonville	81044
Union	Blairsville	30512
Upeon	Thomaston	80286
Walker	La Fayette	80728
Walton	Monroe	30655
Ware	Wayeross	\$1501
Warren	Warrenton	80828
Washington	Sandersville	31082
Wayne	Jesup	81545
Webster	Preston	81824
Wheeler	Alamo	80411
White	Cleveland	\$0528
Whitfield	Dalton	30720
Wilcox	Abbeville	21001
Wilkes	Washington	-30678
Wilkinson	Irwinton	81042
Worth	Sylvester	81791

### **B.** Who May Register Absentee

- 1. All persons must be registered in order to vote in Georgia.
- 2. Any person, including an Overseas Citizen, who is required to be absent from his election district during the time of registration may register by absentee process.

#### C. Registration Procedures

1. The official absentee registration form in Georgia is the state "Registration Card." A

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or other writing may be used to request the "Registration Card." Two (2) separate FPCA requests are required: one FPCA to obtain a "Registration Card" and another FPCA to request an absentee ballot.

- 2. The "Registration Card" must be completed and returned to the Board of Registrars not later than the close of registration, 30 days before the election.
- 3. The completed "Registration Card" must be sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths at the place where the card is signed.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

A person who has been adjudicated an idiot or insane or convicted of treason, embezzlement of public funds, malfeasance in office, bribery, larceny or a crime of moral turpitude punishable by imprisonment may not register or vote in Georgia unless such person has had his rights restored.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote at least once in any 3 year period unless a person requests continuation of registration.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Georgia does not permit registration by proxy. However, the father, mother, sister, brother, spouse, or daughter or son of the age of 18 or over may request, in writing, that the "Registration Card" be sent to a person.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's request for registration is rejected he should supply the information necessary to complete registration. If a second rejection is received the person should seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Upon registration the person's name will be entered on the registration rolls.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Any person, including Overseas Citizens, required to be absent from their election district (precinct) on the day of elections may vote by absentee ballot in Georgia.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Board of Registrars at the county seat, county of voting residence.
- C. A separate request must be made for the "Registration Card" and for an absentee ballot.
- D. A person may request an absentee ballot by using the FPCA or other writing containing sufficient information for proper identification of the elector, the election for which the ballot requested, the address to which the ballot should be mailed, and the reasons for requesting the absentee ballot.
- E. Members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents residing with or accompanying them, may use a single FPCA to request the state primary, run-off and general election ballots. A separate FPCA must be used to request a ballot for presidential primary elections. All other persons, including Overseas Citizens, must use a separate FPCA to request an absentee ballot for each election.
- F. Requests for absentee ballots will not be accepted earlier than 90 days before an election.
- G. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- H. All ballots must be received by the Board of Registrars prior to the closing of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

The "Registration Card" must be sworn to. The FPCAs used to request the "Registration Card" and the absentee ballot return envelope do not have to be sworn to but each absentee elector must complete the self-administered oath on the absentee ballot return envelope.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Georgia requires that a person complete all FPCA items except Items 5(c), 5(d), and 16 when using the FPCA to request a "Registration Card" and all items except Items 5(c), 5(d), and 16 when using the FPCA to request an absentee ballot.
- B. A separate request must be made for the "Registration Card" and for an absentee ballot.
- C. Members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents residing with or accompanying them, may use a single FPCA to request the state primary, run-off, and general election ballots. A separate FPCA is required for the presidential primary election in years in which that election is held. All other persons must use a separate FPCA to request an absentee ballot for each election.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address where the person lived in the county in Georgia in which the person desires to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular elections (depending upon whether a person may use a single FPCA or must make multiple requests for absentee ballots) for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party preference will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

## Guam

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Guam Election Commission. Persons currently registered need not register again unless they failed to vote in the preceding general election.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Guam or an overseas elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the territory of Guam but who was last domiciled in Guam immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the Guam Election Commission at P.O. Box BG Agana, Guam 96910.

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

Persons in the following categories may register and request an absentee ballot by mail:

- 1. Residents of Guam who will be absent from their election district.
- 2. Overseas electors may vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Guam immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

### C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraphs B1 and 2 above, may register absentee by mailing a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Guam Election Commission not later than 30 days before an election. The Commission will forward a local form (EC-23a) along with an absentee ballot. The EC-23a must be completed and returned in time to reach the Commission not later than the day of the election.

Note: The EC-23a must not be returned in the envelope containing the voted ballot but

must be returned in a separate envelope provided by the voter and insure that sufficient postage is affixed to that envelope.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony or declared to be mentally incompetent may not register or vote in Guam.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration will be cancelled for failure to vote in the preceding general election.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Guam has no provision for application for registration and requests for ballots by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person receives a notice of denial of registration an appeal may be filed with the Election Commission. The person should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

The Election Commission shall advise the voter of the action taken on the registration request.

### II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for an absence ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the Guam Election Commission. A single FPCA may be submitted to simultaneously request the local registration form (EC-23a) and an absentee ballot.
- B. Simultaneous requests for the local registration form and an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Commission not later than 30 days prior to an election.
- C. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wishes to vote absentee.
- D. Requests by registered voters for an absentee ballot alone should reach the Commission

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not earlier than 60 days prior to the election and not later than 5 days before the election.

- E. Ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- F. Voted ballots must reach the Election Commission not later than 8 p.m. on election day. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.

## III Oath

Guam requires that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, and the local registration form EC-23a, be completed pursuant to oath.

The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. A single FPCA submitted by the voters listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, to the Guam Election Commission serves simultaneously to request the registration form and a ballot.
- B. Guam requires that you complete all FPCA items except Items 5, 8, and 9 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election.
- D. FPCA Item 8: It is not necessary to indicate a political party preference when requesting an absentee bailot for a primary election.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be completed and witnessed by and sworn before a notary, authorized U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

## Hawaii

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk at the county seat (except Honolulu where registration is conducted by the City Clerk). Registration is permanent unless a person fails to vote at all in the primary and general elections in a single election year, in which case the person must reregister in order to vote.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Hawaii or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Hawaii but was last domiciled in Hawaii immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Submit a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County/City Clerk of the applicable address listed below:

County	County Seat	Elp Code
Hawaii	Hilo	96720
Honolulu	Honolulu	96818
Kauai	Lihue	96766
Maui	Wailuku	96798

## B. Who May Register and Vote Absentee

- 1. Persons in the following categories may use one (1) FPCA to register and to request an absentee ballot:
  - a. residents of Hawaii who are unable for any reason to register in person; and
    - b. Overseas Electors.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraph B above, may register absentee by mailing a completed FPCA to the appropriate County/City Clerk. The FPCA itself is accepted for registration purposes and must be mailed in time to reach the clerk no later than 30 days before an election.

### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony, during the period of their confinement, and those persons who are adjudged incompetent by a court of proper jurisdiction are not permitted to vote.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration will be cancelled for failure to vote at least once in the most recent primary and general election.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Hawaii does not allow registration and request for ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied, an appeal may be made to the County Board of Registration. If a second denial is returned, that person should consult with a Voting Assistance Officer, legal officer, or civilian counsel for assistance.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

The City/County Clerk maintains a list of registered voters but is not required to notify absentee voters of their registration.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. All voters who will be absent from their island county or election district may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing an FPCA to the appropriate County/City Clerk.
- B. A single FPCA may be used both to register and to request an absentee ballot. When used for this dual purpose the FPCA must be submitted in time to reach the clerk not later than 30 days and not earlier than 60 days before an election.
- C. Persons already registered and applying only for an absentee ballot should submit the FPCA to the County/City not later than 7 days and not earlier than 60 days before an election.
- D. A single FPCA may be used to request ballots for all elections during that calendar year.

- E. Ballots will be mailed as soon as printed and available, approximately 30 days before an election.
- F. Voted ballots must be returned to the County/City Clerk not later than the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

Hawaii requires that FPCAs used for registration and or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. However, Hawaii recognizes the voter's signature on the absentee ballot return envelope as self-executing and does not require that it be witnessed or notarized.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Hawaii requires completion of all FPCA items except Items 4, 5 (b through f), 6(b) and 8 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 7: A single FPCA may be used to request absentee ballots for all elections for which a person wants to vote during that calendar year. Persons should circle the election(s) for which absentee ballots are requested.
- C. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn to before a notary, authorized U.S. commissioned officer, authorized member of U.S. Merchant Marine, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

## Idaho

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk. Persons currently registered need not register again.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Idaho or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Idaho but who was last domiciled in Idaho immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application should be made to the County Clerk county of voting residence at the county seat as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Ada	Boise	88702
Adams	Council	83612
Bennock	Pocatello	83201
Bear Lake	Paris	88261
Benewah	Saint Maries	83561
Bingham	Blackfoot	88221
Blaine	Hailey	88888
Boise	Idaho City	83631
Bonner	Sandpoint	83864
Bonneville	Idaho Falls	88401
Boundary	Bonners Ferry	88805
Butte	Arco	88218
Camas	Fairfield	88827
Canyon	Caldwell	88605
Caribou	Soda Springs	88276
Cassia	Burley	88818
Clark	Dubois	83423
Clearwater	Orofino	83544
Custer	Challis	83226
Elmore	Mountain Home	83647
Franklin	Preston	88268
Fremont	Saint Anthony	98445
Gem	Emmett	88617
Gooding	Gooding	88880
Idaho	Grangeville	88580
Jefferson	Rigby	88442
Jerome	Jerome	83338
Kootenai	Coeur D'Alene	83814
Latah	Moscow	83848
Lemhi	Salmon	88467
Lewis	Nesperce	83543
Lincoln	Shoshone	88852
Madison	Rexberg	88440
Minidoka	Rupert	83350
Nes Perce	Lewiston	88501
Oneida	Malad City	23252

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Owyhee	Murphy	88650
Payette	Payette	83661
Power	American Falls	88211
Shoshone	Wallace	88878
Teton	Driggs	88422
Twin Falls	Twin Falls	88801
Valley	Cascade	88611
Washington	Weiser	88672

## B. Who May Register Absentee

The following individuals may register by mail and request an absentee ballot:

- 1. residents of Idaho absent from their voting precinct.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above category and not now claiming Idaho as their domicile or residence may register and vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Idaho before departing the United States and are now overseas.

## C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Persons listed in paragraph B above, may register by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- 2. Persons listed in paragraph B1 above, must submit their FPCA in time to reach the County Clerk not later than the 6th day prior to the election.
- 3. Persons listed in paragraph B2, above, must submit their FPCA in time to reach the County Clerk not later than 30 days before an election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony and persons adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction are not permitted to register and vote in Idaho.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote in an election for which registration is required during the preceding 4 years. (This provision does not apply to members of the Armed Forces.)

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#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Idaho does not allow requests for registration and ballot by proxy.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person is denied registration, an appeal may be brought. Such an individual should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

The registrar maintains a list of registered voters in the county and provides the voter with a registration card.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- B. All persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, may submit 1 FPCA to simultaneously register and request an absentee ballot.
  - 1. An FPCA used for this dual purpose by persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1, must reach the County Clerk not later than the 6th day prior to the election.
  - 2. An FPCA used for this dual purpose by persons listed in Section I, paragraph B2, must reach the County Clerk not later than 30 days before an election.
- C. Application for absentee ballots should be submitted not earlier than 60 days before an election.
- D. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wishes to vote.
- E. Absentee ballots will normally be mailed as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- F. Upon receipt of the absent elector's ballot, the elector should mark and fold the ballot so as to conceal the marking, deposit it in the ballot envelope and seal the envelope securely. In the event an election requires a perforated ballot, the unvoted portion must be deposited in the unvoted ballot envelope and sealed. The ballot envelopes must then be deposited in the return envelope and sealed securely.

- G. The elector shall then execute an affidavit on the back of the return envelope in the form prescribed; the affidavit need not be notarized.
- H. The voted absentee ballot must be received by the election officials by 8 p.m. on the day of the election. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of the election a request for an absentee ballot is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.

## III Gath

Idaho requires that FPCAs used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. However, Idaho recognizes the voter's signature on the absentee ballot return envelope as self-executing and does not require that the signature on the ballot return envelope be witnessed or notarized.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. One (1) FPCA submitted by persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, will serve simultaneously to request both registration and an absentee ballot.
- B. Idaho requires completion of all FPCA items except: Items 3(a), 4, 5(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), 6(b), 8, 9, and 12 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street at which the person lived in the county in which they with to vote).
- D. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA requesting a ballot must be submitted for each election in which a person wishes to vote absentee.
- E. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference need not be completed when requesting a primary election ballot.
- F. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, authorized U. S. Commissioned Officer or other official authorized to administer oaths.

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## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk, City or County Board of Election Commissioners, depending on voting residence.

Registration is permanent if a person votes at least once every 4 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means an Illinois resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Illinois but who was last domiciled in Illinois immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Requests for absentee registration should be submitted to the County Clerk, City or County Board of Election Commissioners depending on voting residence at the addresses listed below:

### **County Clerks**

City	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Quincy	62301
Alexander	Cairo	62914
Bond	Greenville	62246
Boone	Belvidere	61008
Brown	Mount Sterling	62353
Bureau	Princeton	61356
Calhoun	Hardin	62047
Carroll	Mount Carroll	61058
Case	Virginia	62691
Champaign	Urbana	61801
Christian	Taylorville	62568
Clark	Marshall	62441
Clay	Louisville	62858
Clinton	Carlyle	62231
Coles	Charleston	61920
Cook	Chicago	60602
Crawford	Robinson	62454
Cumberland	Toledo	62468
De Kalb	Sycamore	60178
De Witt	Clinton	61727
Douglas	Tuscoia	61953
Du Page	Wheaton	60187
Edgar	Paris	61944
Edwards	Albion	62806
Effingham	Effingham	62401
Fayette	Vandalia	62471
Ford	Paxton	60957
Franklin	Benton	62812
Fulton	Lewistown	61542
Gallatin	Shawnestown	62984

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Henderson	Oquawka	61469
Henry	Cambridge	61288
Iroquois	Watseka	60970
Jackson	Murphysboro	62966
Jasper	Newton	62448
Jefferson	Mount Vernon	62864
Jersey	Jerseyville	62052
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Jo Daviesa	Galena	61086
Johnson	Vienna	62995
Kane	Geneva	60184
Kankakee	Kankakee	60901
Kendall	Yorkville	60560
Knox	Galesburg	61401
Lake	Waukegan	60085
La Salle	Ottawa	61350
Lawrence	Lawrenceville	62489
Lee	Dixon	61021
Livingston	Pontiac	61764
Logan	Lincoln	62656
McDonough	Macomb	61455
McHenry	Woodstock	60098
McLean	Bloomington	61701
Macon	Decatur	62523
Macouplin	Carlinville	62626
Madison	Edwardsville	62025
Marion	Salem	62881
Marshall	Lacon	
		61540
Mason	Havana	62644
Massac	Metropolis	62960
Menard	Petersburg	62675
Mercer	Aledo	61281
Monroe	Waterloo	62298
Montgomery	Hillaboro	62049
Morgan	Jacksonville	62650
Moultrie	Sullivan	61961
Ogle	Oregon	61061
Peoria	Peoria	60601
Perry	Pinckneyville	62274
Piatt	Monticello	61856
Pike	Pittafield	62368
Pope	Golconda	62938
Pulaski	Mound City	62963
Putnam	Hennepin	61827
Randolph	Chester	62233
Richland	Olney	62450
Rock Island	Rock Island	61201
St. Clair	Belleville	62220
Saline	Harrisburg	
Sangamon	Springfield	62946
		62701
Schuyler	Rushville	62681
Scott	Winchester	62694
Shelby	Shelbyville	62565
Stark	Toulon	61483
Stephenson	Freeport	61032
Tasewell	Pekin	61554
Union	Jonesboro	62952
Vermilion	Danville	61882
Wabash	Mt. Carmel	62868
Warren	Monmouth	
Washington	Machullla	61462
		62263
Wayne	Fairfield	62887
White	Carmi	62821
Whiteside	Morrison	61270
Will	Joliet	60431
Williamson	Marion	62959
Winnebago	Rockford	
		61101
Woodford	Eureka	61530

County Seat

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Carrollton

Carthage

Morris

Zip Code

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- F. Requests for an absentee ballot should be made not earlier than 100 days and not less than 10 days before the election.
- G. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available, approximately 40 days before the election.
- H. Voted ballots must be received by election officials not later than the close of polls on election day.

## III Oaths

- A. The state registration form and the FPCA used as a registration form must be sworn to.
- B. The FPCA used as the request for an absentee ballot and the ballot return envelope does not have to be sworn to.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Illinois requires that all FPCA items be completed when the FPCA is used to request

registration and an absentee ballot; and all items except Item 16 when the FPCA is used as a request for an absentee ballot.

- B. A separate request for absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person lived in the county in Illinois in which the person desires to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- F. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

#### City Board of Election Commissioners

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## B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Those persons in the "United States Service" and Overseas Citizens may vote without being registered. Members of the United States Service are defined as follows:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their family members who are residing with or accompanying the member,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their family members who are residing with or accompanying them, and
  - c. United States government employees serving outside of the United States.
- 2. Residents of Illinois who are temporarily outside of the United States must be registered prior to voting in Illinois and may do so by absentee process.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Those persons permitted to register absentee may do so by using a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). A single FPCA may be used to register and to request an absentee ballot. The FPCA must be received not more than 100 days before the election and not less than 30 days before the election in order for the person to receive a complete ballot, and not less than 10 days before the election in order for the person to receive a ballot for Federal Officials only.
- 2. The state absentee registration form may also be used as an alternative to the FPCA, however use of this form will not automatically entitle a person to receive an absentee ballot. A separate ballot request must be made.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

No person convicted in an Illinois or other state or federal court of any criminal offense and who is serving a sentence for such crime may vote while being confined for such conviction.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote at least once in a 4 year period.

#### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

Illinois does not provide registration by proxy.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Registration

If a person's request for registration has been denied, the information requested in the notice of denial should be provided. If a second denial is received, assistance should be obtained from the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Persons will be mailed a certificate of registration when their request for registration has been processed. They will be advised if their request for registration is challenged and they are not registered.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The following persons may vote absentee in Illinois:
  - 1. residents of Illinois who will be absent from their county of voting residence on election day,
    - 2. Overseas Citizens.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the proper election authority as listed in Section I, paragraph A.
- C. A separate request for an absentee ballot is required for each election. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested.
- D. The FPCA or the form provided by the Election Authority may be used to request an absentee ballot.
- E. The father, mother, sister, brother, husband or wife of an absentee voter may make a written request for an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter.

- F. Requests for an absentee ballot should be made not earlier than 100 days and not less than 10 days before the election.
- G. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available, approximately 40 days before the election.
- H. Voted ballots must be received by election officials not later than the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oaths

- A. The state registration form and the FPCA used as a registration form must be sworn to.
- B. The FPCA used as the request for an absentee ballot and the ballot return envelope does not have to be sworn to.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Illinois requires that all FPCA items be completed when the FPCA is used to request

registration and an absentee ballot; and all items except Item 16 when the FPCA is used as a request for an absentee ballot.

- B. A separate request for absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person lived in the county in Illinois in which the person desires to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- F. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

## Indiana

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Indiana or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Indiana but who was last domiciled in Indiana immediatly prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, county of residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Decatur	46788
Allen	Fort Wayne	46802
Bartholomew	Columbus	47201
Benton	Fowler	47944
Blackford	Hartford City	47848
Boone	Lebanon	46052
Brown	Nashville	47448
Carroll	Delphi	46928
Case	Longansport	46947
Clark	Jeffersonville	47180
Clay	Brasil	47884
Clinton	Frankfort	46041
Crawford	English	47118
Daviese	Washington	47501
Dearborn	Lawrenceburg	47025
Decatur	Greensburg	47240
De Kalb	Auburn	46706
Delaware	Muncie	47802
Dubois	Jasper	47546
Elkhart	Goehen	46526
Fayette	Connersville	47881
Floyd	New Albany	47150
Fountain	Covington	47982
Franklin	Brookville	47012
Fulton	Rochester	46975
Gibson	Princeton	47670
Grant	Marion	46952
Greene	Bloomfield	47424
Hamilton	Noblesville	46060
Hancock	Greenfield	46140
Harrison	Corydon	47112
Hendricks	Danville	46122
Henry	New Castle	47862
Howard	Kokomo	46901
Huntington	Huntington	46750
Jackson	Brownstown	47220
Jasper	Rensselaer	47978
Jay	Portland	47871

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Jefferson	Madison	47250
Jennings	Vernon	47282
Johnson	Franklin	46181
Knox	Vincennes	47591
Kosciusko	Warsaw	46580
La Grange	Lagrange	46761
Lake	Crown Point	46807
La Porte	La Porte	46350
Lawrence	Bedford	47421
Madison	Anderson	46011
Marion	Indianapolis	46206
Marshall	Plymouth	46566
Martin	Shoels	47588
Miami	Peru	46970
Monroe	Bloomington	47401
Montgomery	Crawfordsville	47988
Morgan	Martinsville	46151
Newton	Kentland	47951
Noble	Albion	46701
Ohio	Rising Sun	47040
Orange	Paoli	47464
Owen	Spencer	47460
Parke	Rockville	47872
Perry	Cannelton	47520
Pike	Petersburg	47567
Porter	Valparaiso	46588
Posey	Mount Vernon	47620
Pulaski	Winamas	46996
Putnam	Greencastle	46186
Randolph	Winchester	47894 4704 <b>2</b>
Ripley	Versailles Rushville	46178
Rush	South Bend	46601
St. Joseph	Scottsburg	47170
Scott	Shelbyville	46178
Shelby	Rockport	47685
Spencer Starke	Knox	46524
Stauben	Angola	46702
Sullivan	Sullivan	47882
Switzerland	Vevay	47043
Tippecanoe	Lafayette	47901
Tipton	Tipton	46072
Union	Liberty	47858
Vanderburgh	Evansville	47708
Vermillion	Newport	47966
Vigo	Terre Haute	47806
Wabash	Wabash	45992
Warren	Williamsport	47998
Warrick	Boonville	47601
Washington	Salem	47167
Wayne	Richmond	47874
Wells	Bluffton	46714
White	Monticello	47960
Whitley	Columbia City	46725
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#### **B.** Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses dependents.
  - c. persons temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

2. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Indiana immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

All persons listed in paragraph B above may apply for registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, county of voting residence. Persons listed in paragraphs B1a and B1b above may register up to the day of election. All other persons must register at least 30 days before the election in which they wish to vote.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons imprisoned for a crime are prohibited from voting in Indiana.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Persons remain registered unless they fail to vote once in any election during any 2 year period.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

There is no provision for registration or ballot request by proxy in Indiana.

#### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

There is no specific provision for appealing a denial of an application for registration. If this occurs, the individual should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the Clerk of the Circuit Court receives an FPCA, it will be reviewed and, if approved, will register that person and send them an absentee ballot.

#### II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. Persons listed in Section I, Paragraph B, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a

complete FPCA to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, county of voting residence.

- B. One (1) FPCA serves simultaneously as an application for registration and as a request for an absentee ballot. An FPCA used for this dual purpose must reach the Clerk no later than the Saturday immediately prior to the date of an election, when used by persons listed in Section I, Paragraphs B1a and B1b, and no later than 30 days before an election when used by all other persons listed under Paragraph B.
- C. A separate FPCA must be submitted to request an absentee ballot for each election.
- D. The FPCA should be submitted not earlier than 90 days before the election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- E. The Clerk of the Circuit Court should normally be able to forward an absentee ballot as early as 30 days prior to a primary and 45 days prior to a general election.
- F. Normal mailing time should be considered, remembering the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.
- G. Voted ballots must be returned to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of your county of residence before the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

Indiana requires that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Indiana requires completion of all FPCA items, except Item 4, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or an absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which that person wishes to vote.
  - C. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particu-

lar election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in election. A separate FPCA must be submitted an individual not receiving a ballot for any for each election in which a person wants to vote absentee.

D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference

must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.

E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U. S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

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## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Auditor.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Iowa or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Iowa but who was last domiciled in Iowa immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the County Auditor, county of voting residence at the county seat listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adair	Greenfield	50849
Adams	Corning	50841
Allamakee	Waukon	52172
Appanoose	Centerville	52544
Audubon	Audubon	50025
Benton	Vinton	52349
Black Hawk	Waterloo	50701
Boone	Boone	50086
Bremer	Waverly	50677
Buchanan	Independence	50644
Buena Vista	Storm Lake	50588
Butler	Alison	50602
Calhoun	Rockwell City	50579
Carroll	Carroll	51401
Cass	Atlantic	50022
Cedar	Tipton	52772
Cerro Gordo	Mason City	50401
Cherokee	Cherokee	51012
Chickasaw	New Hampton	50659
Clarke	Osceola	80218
Clay	Spencer	51801
Clayton	Elkader	52043
Clinton	Clinton	52782
Crawford	Denison	51442
Dallas	Adel	50008
Davis	Bloomfield	52527
Decatur	Leon	50144
Delaware	Manchester	52057
Des Moines	Burlington	<b>526</b> 01
Dickinson	Spirit Lake	51360
Dubuque	Dubuque	52001
Emmet	Estherville	52334
Fayette	West Union	52175
Floyd	Charles City	50616
Franklin	Hampton	80441
Fremont	Sidney	51652
Greene	Jefferson	50129
Grundy	Grundy Center	50638

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Guthrie	Guthrie Center	50115
Hamilton	Webster City	50595
Hancock	Garner	50438
Hardin	Eldora	50627
Harrison	Logan	51546
Henry	Mount Pleasant	52641
Howard	Cresco	52186
Humboldt	Dakota City	50529
Ida	Ida Grove	81448
lows	Marengo	52801
Jackson Jasper	Maquoketa	52060
Jefferson	Newton Fairfield	50208 52554
Johnson	Iowa City	52240
Jones	Anamosa	52205
Keokuk	Sigourney	52591
Kossuth	Airona	50511
Lee	Fort Madison	52627
Linn	Cedar Rapide	52401
Louisa	Wapello	52653
Lucas	Chariton	50049
Lyon	Rock Rapids	51246
Madison	Winterset	50278
Mahaska	Oskaloosa	52577
Marion	Knoxville	50138
Marshall	Marshalltown	50158
Mills	Glenwood	51584
Mitchell Monona	Onage	50461
Monroe	Onawa Albia	51040
Montgomery	Red Oak	52531 51546
Muscatine	Muscatine	52761
O'Brien	Primgher	51245
Osceola	Sibler	51249
Page	Clarinda	51622
Palo Alto	Emmetaburg	50534
Plymouth	Le Mare	51001
Pocahontas	Pocahantas	50574
Polk	Des Moines	50818
Pottawattamie	Council Bluffs	<b>505</b> 01
Poweshiek	Montesuma	50171
Ringgold	Mount Ayr	50654
Sac Scott	See City	50588
Shelby	Davenport Harlan	52801
Slour	Orange City	51597 51041
Story	Nevada	50201
Tama	Toledo	52242
Taylor	Bedford	50022
Union	Creston	50601
Van Buren	Keceaugua	52545
Wapello	Ottumwa	52501
Warren	Indianola	50125
Washington	Washington	\$2352
Wayne	Corydon	50060
Webster	Fort Dodge	50501
Winnebago	Forest City	50486
Winneshiek	Decorah	52101
Woodbury Worth	Sloux City	51101
Wright	Northwood Clarion	50459
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#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration and an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the Merchant Marine.

- b. spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces of the United States,
- c. members of religious groups or welfare agencies assisting members of the Armed Forces who are officially attached and serving with the Armed Forces, and their spouses and dependents.
- d. civilian employees of the United States serving outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them,
- e. U. S. citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them shall be accorded the privilege of absentee voting in the same manner as members of the Armed Forces.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for registration and a ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Iowa immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may apply for registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Auditor, county of voting residence. Upon receipt of an FPCA the Auditor will forward an absentee ballot. Execution of the affidavit on the ballot envelope and return of the ballot completes the registration process. A registration completed in this manner is valid for subsequent elections unless cancelled for cause. A request for registration and ballot should be made no earlier than 70 days prior to an election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a felony or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Iowa. A person seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the request for pardon.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is repeated each time a person requests a ballot for a primary or general election. In this way, no cancellation of registration is necessary.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Request for registration and an absentee ballot may be made on behalf of an absentee voter by proxy, by a spouse, parent, adult brother or sister, or parent-in-law residing in the county of the voter's residence.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration and ballot is denied, an appeal may be made. A person in this situation should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the County Auditor in a person's county of residence receives an FPCA, it will be reviewed and if eligible an absentee ballot will be forwarded to the person.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Auditor, county of voting residence.
- B. One (1) FPCA serves simultaneously as a request for registration and for an absentee ballot. Such requests should be made no earlier than 70 days prior to an election.
- C. Persons desiring to vote in any other subsequent Iowa election after registering in this manner may request a ballot by postcard, letter, or FPCA.
  - D. The County Auditor should normally be

able to forward an absentee ballot as early as 40 days before an election.

- E. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of an election a ballot request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the ballot.
- F. Voted ballots must be received by the County Auditor no later than the close of polls, 9 p.m. on election day.

#### III Oath

Iowa does not require that the FPCA used for registration and ballot request purposes be completed pursuant to oath. The absentee ballot return envelope affidavit must be executed pursuant to oath.

- A. Iowa requires completion of FPCA items 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 15, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which that person wishes to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate request must be submitted for each election in which a ballot is desired.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.

# Kansas

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Election Officer. Persons currently registered need not register unless they changed their name or residence or failed to vote in the last general election for President.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Kansas or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of Kansas but who was last domiciled in Kansas immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the County Election Officer, county of voting residence at the county seat listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code	
Allen	Iola	66749	
Anderson	Garnett	66082	
Atchinson	Atchison	66002	
Rarber	Medicine Lodge	67104	
Barton	Great Bend	67680	:
Bourbon	Fort Scott	66701	
Brown	Hiawatha	66484	
Butler	El Dorado	67402	
Chase	Cottonwood Falls	66845	
Chautaugus	Sedan	67861	-
Cherokee	Columbus	66725	1
Chevenne	Saint Francis	67756	
Clark	Ashland	67881	
Clay	Clay Center	67482	
Cloud	Concordia	66901	1
Coffee	Burlington	66839	
Comanche	Coldwater	67029	- 6
Cowley	Winfield	67156	
Crawford	Girard	66743	
Decatur	Oberlin	67749	- 1
Dickinson	Abilene	67410	
Doniphan	Troy	66087	
Douglas	Lawrence	66044	
Edwards	Kinsley	67547	
Elk	Howard	67849	
Ellis	Have	67601	
Elleworth	Ellsworth	67489	•
Finner	Garden City	67846	
Ford	Dodge City	\$7801	
Franklin	Ottawa	66067	•
Geary	Junction City	66441	
Gove	Gove	67736	
Graham	Hill City	67642	,
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County	County Seat	Zip Code
Grant	Ulysses	67880
Gray	Cimarron	67885 67879
Greeley Greenwood	Tribune Eureka	67045
Hamilton	Syracuse	67878
Harper	Anthony	67008
Harvey	Newton	67114 67877
Haskell Hodgeman	Sublette Jetmore	67854
Jackson	Holton	66486
Jefferson	Oskaloosa	66066
Jewell	Mankato	66956
Johnson Kearny	Olathe Lakin	66061 67860
Kingman	Kingman	67068
Kiowa	Greensburg	67054
Labette	Oswego	67856 67889
Lane Leavenworth	Dighton Leavenworth	66048
Lincoln	Lincoln	67455
Linn	Mound City	66056
Logan	Oakley	67748
Lyon McPherson	Emporia McPherson	66801 67460
Marion	Marion	66861
Marshall	Marysville	66508
Meade	Mende	67864
Miami	Paola	66071 67420
Mitchell Montgomery	Beloit Independence	67801
Morris	Council Grove	66846
Morton	Elkart	67950
Nemaha	Seneca	66538 66733
Neosho Ness	Erie Ness City	67560
Norton	Norton	67654
Osage	Lyndon	66451
Osborne	Osborne	67478
Ottawa Pawnee	Minneapolis Larned	67467 67550
Phillips	Phillipsburg	67661
Pottawatomie	Westmoreland	66549
Pratt	Pratt	67124
Rawlins Reno	Atwood Hutchinson	67780 67501
Republic	Belleville	66985
Rice	Lyons	67554
Riley	Manhattan	66502
Rush	Stockton La Crosse	67669 67548
Russell	Russell	67665
Saline	Salina	67401
Scott	Scott City	67871
Sedgwick	Wichita	67208 67901
Seward Shawnee	Liberal Topeka	66608
Sheridan	Hoxie	67740
Sherman	Goodland	67785
Smith	Smith Center Saint John	66967 67576
Stafford Stanton	Johnson	67886
Stevens	Hugoton	67951
Summer	Wellington	67152
Thomas	Colby	67701
Trego Wabaunsee	Wakeeney Alma	6767 <b>2</b> 66401
Wallace	Sharon Springs	67758
Washington	Washington	66962
Wichita	Leoti	67861
Wilson Woodson	Fredonia Yates Center	66786
Wyandotte	Kansas City	66101

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Registration is waived for the following persons:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents.
  - c. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may vote under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Kansas immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.
- 2. All other persons must register prior to voting. Application may be made by mail for permanent registration. Once registered, mail application may be made for an absentee ballot.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Persons listed in paragraph B1 above, may obtain a waiver of registration and an absentee ballot by sending one (1) completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form to the County Election Officer, county of voting residence.
- 2. Persons listed in paragraph B2 above, may obtain a state registration form by sending a completed FPCA or other written request to the County Election Officer, county of voting residence. The state form must be completed and returned not later than 20 days before the election. When the state form is returned and the voter is found qualified, the County Elections Officer will register the individual.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony, treason, bribery, or defrauding the United States are not permitted to register and vote in Kansas. An individual seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is permanent unless a person changes residence or name or fails to vote in 2 consecutive state general elections.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Kansas does not have a provision for application for registration by proxy. A qualified elector of a person's precinct or voting area may request an absentee ballot on behalf of that individual by filing an application with the County Election Officer of the county of voting residence.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Persons whose registration is denied may appeal to the county court of the county in which registration is sought. Such an individual should consult with a legal officer or civilian legal counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Persons will be notified and usually are provided with a certificate of registration.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Election Officer, county of voting residence. A single FPCA may be submitted to simultaneously obtain registration waiver and an absentee ballot.
- B. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B2, may, after they have permanently registered, apply for an absentee ballot by submitting a completed FPCA to the County Election Officer, county of voting residence.
- C. Requests for absentee ballots should not be sent earlier than January 1, for the Presidential preference primary, 120 days before statewide primary elections, or 65 days before a statewide general election.
- D. Ballots will be sent to the voters as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- E. Voted absentee ballots must reach election officials by the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

Kansas does not require that FPCAs used for registration and/or ballot request purposes.

state registration forms, or absentee ballot return envelopes be completed pursuant to notarized oath. However, in all instances indicated above, the document is executed subject to penalty of perjury.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. One (1) FPCA submitted by persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1, to the County Election Officer, county of voting residence, serves simultaneously to obtain a waiver of registration and to request an absentee ballot. However, a separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wishes to vote.

B. All FPCA items, except Items 4, 5, 6, 9,

13, and 16 must be completed in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.

C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address, number and street, at which the person lived in the county in which they want to vote.

D. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.

E. FPCA Item 8: Must be complete when requesting a primary election ballot. Failure to indicate a political party preference will result in the person not receiving a ballot for that election.

# **Kentucky**

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Fayette

Fleming

Franklin

Fulton

Gallatin

Garrard

Grant

Graves

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Greenup

Hancock

Hardin

Harlan

Hart

Henry

Harrison

Henderson

Hickman

Hopkins

Jackson

Jefferson

Johnson

Kenton

Knox

Larue

Lee

Laurel

Leslie

Lewis

Letcher

Lincoln

Livingston

Lawrence

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## Absentee Registration

Voter registration by the County Clerk (Board of Registration Commissioners for Louisville). Persons currently regis ered need not register again unless they have failed to vote at least once during the last 4 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Kentucky or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Kentucky but who was last domiciled in Kentucky immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be mailed to the County Clerk (Board of Registration Commissioners for Louisville) at each county seat as listed below:

County Boar and			Logan	Russellville Eddyville	42088
	County Seat	Zip Code	Lyon	Paducah	42001
County	Columbia	42728	McCrachen	Whitley City	42658
Adair	Scottsville	42164	McCreary	Calhoun	42327
Allen	Lawrenceburg	40842	McLean	Richmond	40475
Anderson	Wickliffe	42087	Madison	Selversville	41465
Ballard	***************************************	42141	Magoffin	Lebanon	40088
Barren	Glasgow	40860	Marion	Benton	42026
Bath	Owingsville	40977	Marshall	Ines	41224
Bell	Pineville	41005	Martin	Maysville	41056
Boone	Burlington	40361	Mason	Brandenburg	40108
Bourbon	Paris	41129	Meade	Fronchburg	40822
Boyd	Catlettsburg	40422	Menifee	Franchours Harrodsburg	40880
Boyle	Danville	41004	Mercer	Edmonton	42129
Bracken	Brooksville	41889	Metcalfe	Thompkinsville	42167
Breathitt	Jackson	40148	Monroe	Mount Sterling	40353
Breckinridge	Hardinsburg	40165	Montgomery	West Liberty	41472
Bullitt	Shepherdsville	42261	Morgan	Greenville	42345
Butler	Morgantown	42445	Muhlenberg	Rardstown	40004
Caldwell	Princeton	42071	Nelson	Carliele	40811
Calloway	Murray	41001	Nicholas		42347
Campbell	Alexandria	42023	Ohio	Hartford	40031
Carlisle	Bardwell	41008	Oldham	La Grange	40259
Carroll	Carroliton	41148	Owen	Owenton	41814
Carter	Grayson	42539	Owsley	Booneville	41040
Casey	Liberty	42240	Pendleton	Falmouth	41701
Christian	Hopkinsville	40891	Perry	Hasard	41501
Clark	Winchester	40962	Pike	Pikeville	40880
Clay	Manchester	42602	Powell	Stanton	42501
Clinton	Albany	42064	Pulaski	Somerset	41064
Crittenden	Marion	42717	Robertson	Mount Olivet	40456
Cumberland	Burkesville	42801	Rockcastle	Mount Vernon	40851
Daviess	Owensboro	42210	Rowan	Morehead	42629
Edmonson	Brownsville	41171	Russell	Jamestown	
Elliott	Sandy Hook	*****			00
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41240

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40906

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40741

41230

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41749

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42276

County Seat

Lexington

Frankfort

Hickman

Walsaw

Lancaster

Mayfield

Greenup

Harlan

Leitchfield

Greensburg

Hawesville

Cynthiana

Henderson

New Castle

Madisonville

Louisville

Nicholasville

Independence

Barbourville

Hodgenville

Beattyville

Whitesburg

Vanceburg

Stanford

Smithland

Russellville

Paintsville

Hindman

London

Louise

Hyden

Clinton

Wilse bethtows

Munfordville

Williamstown

Flemingsburg

Prestonsburg

Irvine

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Scott	Georgetown	40824
Shelby	Shelbyville	40065
Simpson	Franklin	42184
Spencer	Taylorsville	40071
Taylor	Campbellsville	42718
Todd	Elkton	42220
Tries	Cadis	42211
Trimble	Bedford	40006
Union	Morganfield	42487
Warren	Bowling Green	42101
Washington	Springfield	40049
Wayne	Monticello	42633
Webster	Dixon	42409
Whitley	Williamsburg	40769
Wolfe	Campton	41801
Woodford	Versailles	40883

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration and an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members in active service with the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents.
  - c. U.S. citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Kentucky immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Persons listed in paragraph B1a above, may apply for permanent registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Clerk (Board of Registration Commissioners in Louisville), county of voting residence. The FPCA itself is accepted for registration purposes and must be mailed in time to reach the Clerk/Board not later than 30 days before the election.
- 2. Persons listed in paragraphs B1b, c, and B2 above, must apply for a state registration application by sending a completed FPCA to the County Clerk (Board of Registration Commis-

sioners in Louisville), county of voting residence. This state form must be completed and returned in time to reach the Clerk/Board not later than 30 days before the election. When the state application is returned and the voter is found qualified, the Clerk/Board will register the individual.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

- 1. Persons who have been convicted of a felony or bribery in an election or such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may declare, or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Kentucky.
- 2. Persons seeking restoration of citizenship along with the right to vote should consult a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is cancelled if a person fails to vote once during a 4-year period.

### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

There are no provisions for registration or ballot requests by proxy.

### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

A person whose application for registration is denied may appeal the denial. Such a person should consult a legal officer or civilan counsel for assistance.

### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the state registration application or the FPCA for persons listed in paragraph B1a above, is received by the County Clerk (Board of Registration Commissioners in Louisville) the application will be reviewed and if found qualified, the person will be permanently registered.

#### II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph Bla, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Clerk (Board of

Registration Commissioners in Louisvile), at each county of voting residence. A single FPCA may be used by these voters to simultaneously register and request and absentee ballot. When used for this dual purpose, the FPCA must reach the Clerk/Board no later than 30 days before an election.

- B. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1b, c and B2 may, once registered, apply for an absentee ballot by submitting a separate FPCA to the County Clerk/Board at each county of voting residence. The FPCA used to request an absentee ballot must reach the Clerk/Board not later than 7 days before an election.
- C. When used as a ballot request alone, the FPCA must reach the Clerk/Board not later than 7 days before the election in which the person wishes to vote.
- D. The County Clerk/Board should normally be able to forward absentee ballots not later than 15 days before an election.
- E. Persons should consider normal mailing time, remembering the closer to the date of an election a ballot request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.
- F. Voted ballots must be returned in time to reach the County Clerk/Board not later than 3 p.m. on election day.

#### III Oath

Kentucky requires that an FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, state registration forms, and absentee ballot return envelopes be completed pursuant to oath.

- A. Kentucky requires completion of all FPCA items except Items 4, 5, (b), (c), (d), (f), 9, 12 and 13 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county (or city) in which that person wishes to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA ballot request must be submitted for each election in which a person desires to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must in all cases be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

## Louisiana

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Registrar of Voters in each parish. Voter registration in Louisiana is permanent as long as a person votes at least once every 4 years and has informed the Registrar of Voters of their new address if they have changed their local voter registration address within Louisiana.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Louisiana resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Louisiana but who was last domiciled in Louisiana immediately prior to departure from the United States and who is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

### A. Where to Apply

Application for registration should be submitted to the Registrar of Voters, parish seat, parish of voting residence as listed below:

Parish	Parish Seat	Zip Code
Acadia	Crowley	70526
Allen	Oberlin	70655
Ascension	Donaldsonville	70346
Assumption	Napoleonville	70890
Avoyelles	Marksville	71851
Beauregard	De Ridder	70634
Bienville	Arcadia	71001
Bossier	Benton	71006
Caddo	Shreveport	71101
Calcasieu	Lake Charles	70601
Caldwell	Columbia	71418
Cameron	Cameron	70681
Catahoula	Harrisonburg	71840
Claiborne	Homer	71040
Concordia	Vidalia	71878
De Soto	Mansfield	71052
East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	70811
East Carroll	Lake Providence	71254
East Felicians	Clinton	70722
Evangeline	Ville Platte	70586
Franklin	Winnsboro	71295
Grant	Colfax	71417
Iberia	New Iberia	70560
Iberville	Plaquemine	70764
Jackson	Jonesboro	71251
Jefferson	Gretna	70053
Jefferson Davis	Jennings	70546
Lafayette	Lafayette	70501
Lafaourche	Thibodaux	70801

Parish	Parish Seat	Zip Code
La Salle	Jena	71842
Lincoln	Ruston	71270
Livingston '	Livingston	70754
Madison	Tallulah	71282
Morehouse	Bastrop	71220
Natchitoches	Natchitoches	11457
Orleans	New Orleans	70112
Quachita	Monroe	71201
Plaquemines	Pointe A La Hache	70082
Pointe Coupee	New Roads	70760
Rapides	Alexandria	71801
Red River	Coushatta	71019
Richland	Rayville	71269
Sabine	Many	71449
St Bernard	Chaimette	70048
St Charles	Hahnville	70057
St Helena	Greensburg	70441
St James	Convent	70723
St John The Baptist	Edgard	70049
St Landry	Opelousas	70570
St Martin	Saint Martinville	70582
St Mary	Franklin	70588
St Tammany	Covington	70488
Tangipahoa	Amite	70422
Tensas	Saint Joseph	71866
Terrebonne	Houma	70860
Union	Farmerville	71241
Vermillion	Abbeville	70510
Vernon	Leesville	71446
Washington	Franklinton	70488
Webster	Minden	71055
West Baton Rouge	Port Allen	70767
West Carroll	Oak Grove	71263
West Feliciana	Saint Francisville	70775
Winn	Winnfield	71488

### B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register absentee in Louisiana:

- a. "United States Service Voters," who are members of the Armed Forces and:
- b. members of the U.S. Merchant Marine, and:
- c. civilian employees of the United States while serving outside of the United States, and:
- d. members of religious or welfare groups assisting members of the Armed Forces and who are officially attached to and serving with the Armed Forces, and;
- e. spouses and dependents of all the above, and:
  - f. Overseas Citizens.

#### C. Registration Procedures

1. In Louisiana absentee registration is completed when the state "Application for Absentee Registration" form is received by the Parish Registrar of Voters; it must be received before

the close of registration—30 days before the election.

- 2. A single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) may be used to request an "Application for Absentee Registration" and absentee ballot when used by those persons listed in paragraph B above provided the FPCA is received not more than 6 months before an election. FPCAs received more than 6 months before the election will be treated only as a request for an "Application for Absentee Registration" form but not as a request for an absentee ballot and an additional FPCA must be submitted to request an absentee ballot.
- 3. The state absentee registration form must be signed and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.
- 4. A Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) may be used to request the "Application for Absentee Registration." The state absentee registration must be signed and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.

NOTE: THE STATE ABSENTEE REGIS-TRATION FORM CALLS FOR THE NAMES OF 2 OR MORE WITNESSES WHO RESIDE IN THE VOTER'S PRECINCT WHO CAN TESTIFY UNDER OATH, IF NECESSARY, THAT THE VOTER RESIDED IN THE PRE-CINCT AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE PERSON SHOULD COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF THE REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. IF REGISTRATION IS DENIED DUE TO FAIL-URE TO PROVIDE 2 WITNESSES FROM THE PARISH THE PERSON SHOULD NOTIFY THE FEDERAL VOTING ASSIST-ANCE OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SECRE-TARY OF DEFENSE. THIS NOTICE SHOULD INCLUDE THEIR PARISH, PARISH AD-DRESS, THE DATE THE REGISTRATION FORM WAS MAILED, AND THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO ADVISED THEM THAT THEIR REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION WAS DENIED.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who are under an order of imprisonment for conviction of felony or who have been declared by a court to be mentally incompetent may not register or vote in Louisiana.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote at least once during a four-year period.

#### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

Louisiana does not have a procedure for registration by proxy.

#### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied (for reason(s) aside from failing to provide the 2 witnesses as mentioned in the note in paragraph C above) then the person should provide the information called for in the notice of denial and resubmit the application. If a second denial is received, then the person should seek the assistance of their local voting assistance officer or counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Once the person's request for registration has been processed, a notice of registration will be sent.

#### II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Registrar of Voters at the parish seat, parish of voting residence.
- B. The following persons may vote absentee in Louisiana:
  - 1. "United States Service Voters", and;
  - 2. Overseas Citizens.
- C. If the FPCA is received earlier than the foregoing deadlines it will be treated as a request for an Appplication for Absentee Registration only and a separate request for absentee ballot(s) must be submitted within the deadlines specified.
- D. Requests for absentee ballots from "United States Service Voters," and from Overseas Citizens must be received by the

Registrar of Voters not earlier than 6 months and not later than 7 days before the election.

- E. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 20 days before the election.
- F. Absentee ballots from "United States Service Voters," and from Overseas Citizens must be received not later than the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

- A. Louisiana requires that the state "Application for Absentee Registration" form and the absentee ballot return envelope be sworn to.
- B. The FPCA used to request the state "Application for Absentee Registration" form, and the FPCA request for an absentee ballot do not have to be sworn to.

- A. Louisiana requires that a person complete all FPCA items except Item 16 when using the FPCA to request a state registration form and all FPCA items except Item 16 when using the FPCA to request an absentee ballot.
- B. The FPCA used to request the state form "Application for Absentee Registration" may also be used to request absentee ballots for the

- primary and the general election by "United States Service Voters," and Overseas Citizens if submitted no earlier than 6 months prior to the election in which a person wants to vote.
- C. If a "United States Service Voter" or an Overseas Citizen submits an FPCA more than 6 months before the election in which they want to vote, that FPCA will be treated only as a request for the state registration form and a second FPCA must be submitted no earlier than 6 months before that election in order to request absentee ballot(s) for the election(s) in which they want to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address at which the voter lived in the parish of voting residence in Louisiana.
- E. FPCA Item 3: Persons are cautioned that their state of birth is not their state of voting residence if they now reside in another state.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Must specify the elections—Primary and/or General for which absentee ballots are being requested. FPCA Item 7(d) "All as permitted" should not be circled. This may result in a person not receiving an absentee ballot for any election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting an absentee ballot for a primary election.

## Maine

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Board of Registration (Registrar of Voters in towns of less than 4,000 people). Registration is permanent. Persons currently registered need not register again.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Maine or an Overseas Elector.

The Term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Maine but who was last domiciled in Maine immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the Board of Registration (Registrar of Voters in towns of less than 4,000 people), town of voting residence.

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

Persons in the following categories may register absentee:

- 1. members of the Armed Forces while in active service and their spouses and dependents,
- 2. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
- 3. civilian employees of the United States serving outside of the territorial limits of the United States and their spouses and dependents who are with them,
- 4. members of religious groups or welfare agencies assisting members of the Armed Formes, who are officially attached to and serving with them and their spouses and dependents,
- 5. Overseas Electors may register and vote under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Maine immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Persons listed in paragraph B above, may register absentee by mailing a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Board of Registration (Registrar of Voters in towns of less than 4,000 people), town of voting residence. The FPCA itself is accepted for registration purposes and must be mailed in time to reach the Board/Registrar before the day of the election.
- 2. All other persons not listed in paragraph B above must register by completing the state registration form. This form may be requested in writing from the Board/Registrar.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

A person under guardianship for reasons of mental illness may not register or vote in any election. An individual seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact his local legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is not cancelled for failure to vote.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

A blood relative may register and request an absentee ballot by proxy. Under more restricted circumstances, a spouse or former guardian may also apply to obtain a registration/absentee ballot by proxy.

To request registration by proxy a person must complete and file the state registration form on the voter's behalf. A person must have authority, in writing, from a voter to obtain a registration form.

An absentee ballot must be requested in writing by the voter. A completed FPCA along with written authorization to the relative will enable a proxy to both register and request an absentee ballot for that person.

#### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Persons denied registration may appeal.

Such persons should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

The Registrar shall enroll the person's name on the registration rolls at the time the request for registration is accepted. No notice of registration is required to be given to the voter if the application is accepted. If an application is denied, the voter will be notified.

## Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B. may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the Municipal Clerk, town of voting residence.
- B. A single FPCA may be submitted to the Municipal Clerk to request an absentee ballot for all elections during that calendar year.
- C. Absentee ballots will be mailed by the Municipal Clerk as soon as they are printed and available-approximately 30 days before the election.
- D. Persons should consider normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted, the less time is available to receive and return the absentee ballot.
- E. Voted ballots must be returned to the Municipal Clerk before the close of polls on election day.

#### Oath

Maine requires that an FPCA used for registration or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

- A. A single FPCA may be submitted to simultaneously request both registration and an absentee ballot.
- B. Maine requires that all FPCA items except Items 5(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), 6(a), 12 and 13 be completed in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address, including number and street, at which the person lived in the town in which they wish
- D. FPCA Item 7: An individual may circle 7(d) "All as permitted" to receive ballots for all elections during that calendar year.
- E. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary election ballot.
- F. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn to before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# Maryland

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Board of Supervisors of Elections in each County and in Baltimore City. Persons currently registered need not register again unless they have failed to vote at least once during the last 5 years or have moved and not notified their election board.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Maryland.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the territory of Maryland but who was last domiciled in Maryland immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of voting residence at the addresses listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Allegany	Cumberland	21502
Anne Arundel	Annapolis	21404
Baltimore City	Baltimore	21202
Baltimore County	Baltimore	21284
Calvert	Prince Frederick	20678
Caroline	Denton	21629
Carroll	Westminster	21157
Cecil	Elkton	21921
Charles	La Plata	20646
Dorchester	Cambridge	21618
Frederick	Frederick	21701
Garrett	Oakland	21550
Harford	Bel Air	21014
Howard	Columbia	21045
Kent	Chestertown	21620
Montgomery	Rockville	20850
Prince Georges	Upper Marlboro	20870
Queen Annes	Centreville	21617
St. Marys	Leonardtown	20680
Somerset	Princess Anne	21858
Talbot	Easton	21601
Washington	Hagerstown	21740
Wicomico	Salisbury	21801
Worcester	Snow Hill	21868

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

1. The following persons may apply by mail

for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State or local elections:

a. a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or any component thereof, including those honorably discharged therefrom during the period beginning 30 days prior to the last registration day prior to an election and continuing up to and including the date of an election, and his spouse or dependents;

b. officers or members of the crew of any vessel documented under the laws of the United States or enrolled for such employment with the Federal Government, and spouse or dependents;

c. civilian employees of the United States serving outside the United States, whether or not subject to the civil service laws, and whether or not paid from funds appropriated by Congress, and spouse or dependents;

d. persons serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, and Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots, and the United Service Organizations (USO), which are attached to or serving with the Armed Forces of the United States outside of the United States, and spouse or dependents;

e. persons confined or restricted to an institution which prevents them from being present to register or reregister at the office of any Board or with any Board of Registry; and,

f. persons physically disabled and confined in a hospital or disabled so as to be permanently confined to bed or an institution and are prevented from being able to register in person.

g. persons continuously absent from their county of residence (or in the case of a resident of the City of Baltimore) for 30 days prior to the closing of registration before any election.

2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for temporary registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Maryland immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Persons listed in paragraph B1 above, may apply for permanent registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the appropriate Board of Supervisors of Elections. Registration is completed upon receipt of the voted ballot before the close of polls on election day. The deadlines for receipt of the FPCA are as follows:
  - a. for persons whose qualifications are listed in paragraph B(1)(a), the FPCA must be received by the Board by 8 p.m. on election day.
  - b. for persons whose qualifications are listed in paragraphs B1(b), B1(c), B1(d) and B1(e), the FPCA must be received by the Board not later than the Tuesday before the election.
  - c. for persons whose qualifications are listed in paragraphs B1(f) and B1(g), the FPCA must be received by the Board by the Monday, 29 days prior to the election.

Both registration and an absentee ballot may be requested simultaneously by the use of 1 FPCA.

2. Persons listed in paragraph B2 above, may submit an FPCA to the appropriate Board of Supervisors of Elections to obtain a state registration form. The completed state form must be received by the Board not later than the 5th Monday or 4 weeks before the election in which the person wishes to vote. Upon receipt of the completed form an absentee ballot will be forwarded to the person and registration is completed upon receipt of the voted ballot prior to the close of polls on election day.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a felony or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Maryland. However, persons with a felony conviction of record are permitted to register and vote if they have been pardoned, or, if it is a first conviction only and they have completed any sentence imposed pursuant to that conviction, including any period of parole or probation.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Persons with permanent registration must vote at least once in a general, primary, or special election during a 5 year period and maintain a correct address with their election board to keep their registration current.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

There is no provision for registering or obtaining a ballot by proxy.

### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration and request for a ballot is denied, an appeal may be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Such person should consult the legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the Board of Supervisors of Elections receives a completed FPCA, it will be reviewed and, if a person is found to be a qualified elector, the person will be registered and sent an absentee ballot.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the Board of Supervisors of Elections. For these persons 1 FPCA serves as a simultaneous request for registration and for E. absentee ballot.
- B. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B3, may apply for an absentee ballot by submitting an FPCA and then a completed state registration form to the appropriate Board of Supervisors of Elections.
- C. All persons who are already registered voters in Maryland may apply for an absentee ballot by forwarding an FPCA to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the county or city of registration to arrive no later than the Tuesday before an election.
- D. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Board of Supervisors of Elections no later than the close of polls on election day. Be sure to

consider the normal mailing time remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.

E. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person desires to vote.

#### III Oath

Maryland does not require that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, state registration form, or the absentee ballot return envelopes be completed pursuant to notarized oath. However, in all instances indicated above, the document is executed subject to penalty of perjury.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Maryland requires completion of FPCA Items 1 through 4, 5(a), and 7 through 15 in

order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.

- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete (including number and street) address at which the person lived in the county in which they wish to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed when requesting a primary election ballot. Failure to indicate a political party preference will result in the individual receiving no ballot for that election.
- E. FPCA Item 15 (Signature): An FPCA must in all instances be signed, and it is automatically executed under penalty of perjury.

## **Massachusetts**

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the City/Town Clerk in the city/town of voting residence.

Registration is permanent provided a person registers in person and does not move out of the city or town. In a special category are those persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1 who will be registered on an election-by-election basis (temporary registration) when an absentee ballot is requested.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Massachusetts resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 years by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Massachusetts but who was last domiciled in Massachusetts immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Requests for temporary absentee registration and absentee ballot should be made to the City or Town Clerk, in the city or town of voting residence.

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may register absentee and this temporary registration is for one election only:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. persons outside of Massachusetts.
  - 2. All other persons must register in person.

#### C. Registration Procedures

1. Absentee registration is accomplished when a person's request for an absentee ballot is received, qualifications verified, and the name

of the person is entered on an index maintained for this purpose.

- 2. A Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or other writing signed by the applicant which gives the person's name, voting residence—including street number and address—date of birth, and military, Merchant Marine or Government Service unit identification, if applicable, may be used as the simultaneous request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot.
- 3. The request must be received not later than noon of the day before the election. Sufficient time must be allowed to return the absentee ballot so that local officials receive it before the polls close on election night.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

1. Persons who are declared under legal guardianship by a court of competent jurisdiction are prohibited from registering and voting in Massachusetts. Persons who have been convicted of a narrow class of state offenses known as "corrupt election practices" may not register and vote for a period of three years from the date of final conviction.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled if the annual local census determine that he or she has changed voting residence from the city or town; or if he or she commits a disenfranchising crime.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

A person who is a member of the family of any person listed in paragraph B1 above, may request temporary registration and an absentee ballot for that person.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot is denied, the person should provide the information required. If a second denial is received then the person should seek the assistance of a Voting Assistance Officer, or Counselor, legal officer, or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

If a person's request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot is denied he shall be given notice thereof and the opportunity to correct any deficiencies.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The following persons may vote by absentee ballot in Massachusetts:
  - 1. persons who will be out of their city/ town of voting residence on the day of the election.
    - 2. physically disabled persons,
  - 3. persons unable to vote for religious reasons.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Town/City Clerk in the town/city of voting residence.
- C. The FPCA or other form of writing may be used to request an absentee ballot.
- D. A separate request for an absentee ballot is required for each election.
- E. Requests for absentee ballots will be accepted up to noon of the day before the election. Persons must allow sufficient mailing time to request, receive, vote and return their absentee ballot so that it is received by election officials not later than the close of polls on the day of the election.

#### III Oath

- A. Neither the state form nor the FPCA used to request temporary registration and an absentee ballot must be sworn to.
- B. However, the affidavit on the absentee ballot return envelope must be sworn to.

- A. Massachusetts requires that a person complete Items 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 15 of the FPCA in order to use the FPCA as a request for both temporary registration and an absentee ballot.
- B. A separate request for absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. One (1) FPCA may be used as a simultaneous request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person lived in the town/city in Massachusetts in which the person desires to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not their voting residence if they now are a resident of another community.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to list political party preference may result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# Michigan

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the City or Township Clerk. Persons currently registered need not register again.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Michigan or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Michigan but who was last domiciled in Michigan immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the City or Township Clerk, place of voting residence.

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal. State, and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces while on active service and members of their immediate family,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. U.S. citizens temporarily outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Michigan immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraph B1 and B2 above, may apply for registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the City or Township Clerk, place of voting residence. The Clerk will forward state registration forms and an absentee ballot by return mail. Persons must execute, in duplicate, the state registration forms and return them along with the ballot. This procedure completes the registration process. The completed state registration process. The completed state registration forms and the ballot must be received by the Clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons serving a sentence in prison are barred from registering and voting in Michigan.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration will not be cancelled for failure to vote.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Michigan does not permit application for registration and ballot because.

# G. Appeal Rights and the Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied, the denial may be appealed.

If this occurs a person should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Once a person has been registered, the Clerk of the city or township shall send to that person a voter identification card.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the City or Township Clerk, place of voting residence.
- B. One (1) FPCA serves simultaneously as a request for state registration forms and for an absentee ballot. When used for this dual purpose the completed state forms and the ballot must reach the Clerk not later than 8 p.m. on election day.

- C. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a ballot is requested.
- D. Requests for absentee ballots may not be made earlier than 75 days before an election.
- E. Ballots will be mailed as soon as printed and available—approximately 35 days before the election.
- F. The voted ballot must reach election officials before the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

- A. Michigan does not require that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by the persons listed under Section I, paragraphs B1a and b, be completed pursuant to oath. However, the persons listed under Section I, paragraphs B1c and B2, must complete the FPCA pursuant to oath.
- B. The state registration form must be executed in duplicate pursuant to oath by all persons.
- C. Michigan does not require that the absentee ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to oath by any person. However, the document is executed subject to penalty of perjury.

- A. Michigan requires completion by persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1a and b, of all FPCA items, except Items 4, 5, 6, 8, 13 and 16, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1c and B2, must complete all FPCA items, except Items 4, 5, 6, 8 and 13, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a ballot is requested.
- · C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the city or township in which that person wishes to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed by the persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1c and B2. When used by these persons, tile FPCA must be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

## Minnesota

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Auditor at each county seat listed below. Persons currently registered need not register again, unless they have changed their name or address, or failed to vote at least once during the last 4 years.

The term ELIGIBLE VOTER as used means an individual who meets the following requirements at the time of an election:

- -is 18 years of age or older,
- -is a citizen of the United States,
- —has been a Minnesota resident for 20 days immediately prior to the election,
- —has not been convicted of treason or felony unless restored to civil rights,
- -is not under guardianship of the person,
- —has not been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application should be made to the County Auditor, county of voting residence, at the county seat listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Aitken	Aitkin	56431
Anoka	Anoka	55308
Becker	Detroit Lakes	56501
Beltrami	Bemidji	56601
Benton	Foley	56829
Big Stone	Ortonville	56278
Blue Earth	Mankato	56001
Brown	New Ulm	56073
Carlton	Carlton	55718
Carver	Chaska	65318
Cass	Walker	56484
Chippews	Montevideo	56265
Chisago	Center City	55012
Clay	Moorhead	54560
Clearwater	Bagley	56621
Cook	Grand Marais	55604
Cottonwood	Windom	56101
Crow Wing	Brainerd	56401
Dakota	Hastings	55022
Dodge	Mantorville	55955
Douglas	Alexandria	56808
Faribault	Blue Earth	56018
Fillmore	Preston	55965
Freeborn	Albert Lea	56007
Goodhue	Red Wing	55066
Grant	Elbow Lake	56581
Hennepin	Minneapolis	55487
Houston	Caledonia	55921
Hubbard	Park Rapids	86470
Isanti	Cambridge	55008
Itasca	Grand Rapids	55744
Jackson	Jackson	56148
Kanabec	Mora	55051

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Kandiyohi	Willmar	56201
Kittson	Hallock	56728
Koochiching	International Falls	56649
Lac Qui Parle	Madison	56256
Lake	Two Harbors	55616
Lake of The Woods	Baudette	56628
Le Sueur	Le Center	56057
Lincoln	Ivanhoe	56142
Lyon	Marshall	56258
McLeod	Glencoe	55886
Mahnomen	Mahnomen	56577
Marshall	Warren	56762
Martin	Fairmont	56081
Meeker	Litchfield	55855
Mille Lacs	Milaca	56858
Morrison	Little Falls	56845
Mower	Austin	55912
Murray	Slayton	56172
Nicollet	Saint Peter	56082
Nobles	Worthington	56187
Norman	Ada	56510
Olmstead	Rochester	55901
Otter Tail	Fergus Falls	56537
Pennington	Thief River Falls	56701
Pine	Pine City	55063
Pipestone	Pipestone	56164
Polk	Crookston	56716
Pope	Glenwood	56334
Ramsey	Saint Paul	55102
Red Lake	Red Lake Falls	56750
Redwood	Redwood Falls	56288
Renville	Olivia	56277
Rice	Faribault	55021
Rock	Luverne	56156
Roseau	Roseau	56751
St. Louis	Duluth	55802
Scott	Shakopee	55379
Sherburne	Elk River	55880
Sibley	Gaylord	55884
Steams	Saint Cloud	56801
Steele	Owatonna	55060
Stevens	Morris	56267
Swift	Benson	56215
Todd	Long Prairie	56847
Traverse	Wheaton	56296
Wabasha	Wabasha	55981
Wadena	Wadena Wasaca	56482
Waseca Washington		56098
Watonwan	Stillwater	\$5082
Wilkin	Saint James	56081
Winona	Breckenridge Winona	56520 55987
Wright	Winona Buffalo	55212
Yellow Medicine	Granite Falls	56241
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#### B. Who May Register Absentee

Minnesota law establishes 3 categories of persons who may vote under provisions for absent voters in the military or outside the United States:

- 1. Eligible voters who are in the military or are the spouses or dependents of individuals serving in the military. These individuals may vote for Federal, State and local offices.
  - 2. Eligible voters temporarily outside the territorial limits of the United States. These

individuals may vote for Federal, State and local offices.

3. United States citizens who are living permanently outside the territorial limits of the United States who meet all the qualifications of an eligible voter except residence in Minnesota, but who are authorized by Federal law to vote in Minnesota for at least 20 days immediately prior to their departure from the United States. These individuals may vote only for the offices of President, Vice-President, Senator in Congress, and Representative in Congress.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraph B above, may register and apply for absentee ballots by mailing a single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the appropriate county auditor. The FPCA may be submitted at any time prior to an election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony whose civil rights have not been restored, persons under legal guardianship, and persons declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Minnesota. Persons seeking restoration of their civil rights should contact their legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person registered to vote in Minnesota remains on the county registration list as a qualified elector unless the person fails to vote in any election during any 4 year period.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Registration and request for an absentee ballot may be made on behalf of an individual described in paragraph B above by a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child over 18.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

A properly completed application submitted to the appropriate county auditor will be ac-

cepted unless the applicant's eligibility or residence is challenged. All reasonable doubt shall be resolved in favor of the validity of the application. If the challenge is upheld, the county auditor will inform the voter of the right to appeal.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the County Auditor receives an FPCA, it will be reviewed, and if accepted, the person will receive a ballot, voting instructions and return envelope.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. A single FPCA serves simultaneously as registrations and a request for absentee ballots. Eligible voters described in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for absentee ballots by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Auditor, county of voting residence. Persons described in Section I, paragraph B3, apply to the county where they resided immediately prior to leaving the United States. An FPCA request for a primary ballot also serves as a request for a general election ballot.

B. The FPCA may be submitted at any time prior to an election. No formal deadlines exist, but normal mailing delays must be considered. The closer to the date of the election ballots are requested, the less likely that ballots can be received and returned in time. County Auditors are normally able to begin forwarding absentee ballots no later than 15 days before an election.

C. Voted ballots must reach election officials before the close of the polls on election day.

#### III Oath

Minnesota requires that both the FPCA and the ballot return envelope be witnessed by and sworn before an individual authorized to administer oaths or a commissioned or noncommissioned officer of the military not below the rank of sergeant or its equivalent.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Minnesota requires completion of FPCA Items 1, 2, 3(b), 7, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.

- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) of Minnesota residence or residence immediately prior to departure from the United States. In rural areas, the name of the township should be included.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Should circle (c) or both (a) and (c). An application for a general election ballot.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference need not be indicated for any election.
- E. FPCA Item 9: Eligible voters described in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, should check (a). Eligible voters described in Section I, paragraph B3, should check (b). Checking more than one box can cause confusion that results in delay of ballots.

# Mississippi

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the City Registrar or County Registrar. Persons currently registered need not register again as long as they remain qualified or the Board of Supervisors orders re-registration.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Mississippi or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Mississippi but who was last domiciled in Mississippi immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the City Registrar or County Registrar using the following address format: City Registrar or County Registrar, (list city or county of residence) county seat and zip code as applies from the list below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Natches	89120
Alcorn	Corinth	88884
Amite	Liberty	89645
Attala	Koseiusko	89090
Benton	Ashland	88608
Bolivar	Cleveland	88782
Calhoun	Pittsboro	88951
Carroll	Carrollton	88917
Chickssaw	Houston	38851
Choctaw	Ackerman	89785
Claiborne	Port Gibson	89150
Clarke	Quitman	89855
Clay	West Point	89778
Coahoma	Clarksdale	88614
Copiah	Hazlehurst	89088
Covington	Collins	89428
De Soto	Hernando	88682
Forrest	Hattlesburg	89401
Franklin	Meadville	29653
George	Lucedale	39452
Greene	Leakesville	89451
Grenada	Grenada	88901
Hancock	Bay Saint Louis	39520
Harrison	Gulfport	89501
Hinds	Jackson	89205
Holmes	Lexington	89095
Humphreys	Belsoni	89088
Issaquena	Mayersville	89118
Itawamba	Fulton	38843

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Jackson	Pascagoula	89567
Jasper	Bay Springs	89422
Jefferson	Fayette	89069
Jefferson Davis	Prentiss	89474
Jones	Ellisville	89487
Kemper	De Kalb	89828
Lafayette	Oxford	88655
Lamar	Purvis	89475
Lauderdale	Meridian	89801
Lawrence	Monticello	89654
Leake	Carthage	89051
Lee	Tupelo	38801
Leftore	Greenwood	88980
Lincoln	Brookhaven	89601
Lowndes	Columbus	89701
Madison	Canton	89046
Marion	Columbia	89429
Marshall	Holly Springs	38685
Monroe	Aberdeen	89780
Montgomery	Winona	88967
Neshoba	Philadelphia	29850
Newton	Decatur	89827
Noxubee	Macon	89841
Oktibbeha	Starkville	89759
Panola	Batesville	38606
Pearl River	Poplarville	89470
Perry	New Augusta	89462
Pike	Magnolia	89652
Pontotoe	Pontotoe	88863
Prentiss	Booneville	88829
Quitman	Marks	38646
Rankin	Brandon	39042
Scott	Forest	89074
Sharkey	Rolling Fork	89159
Simpson	Mendenhall	89114
Smith	Raleigh	89158
Stone	Wiggins	89577
Sunflower	Indianola	88751
Tallahatchie	Charleston	88921
Tate	Senatobia	88668
Tippah	Ripley Luka	88668 88852
Tishomingo Tunica	Tunica	88676
Union	New Albany	88652
Walthall	Tylertown	89667
Warren	Vicksburg	89180
Washington	Greenville	88701
Wayne	Waynesboro	89867
Webster	Walthall	89771
Wilkinson	Woodville	39669
Winston	Louisville	29229
Yalobusha	Coffeeville	38922
Yasoo	Yasoo City	39194
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#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for temporary registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine of the United States,
    - b. members of the American Red Cross,
  - c. civilians attached to and serving with the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine of the United States while outside the continental

limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

- d. disabled war veterans while they are patients in any hospital,
- e. spouses and dependents of any of the foregoing persons when they will be absent from their county of residence on an election day,
- f. U.S. citizens who are temporarily residing outside the continental limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories and not now claiming Mississippi as their domicile or residence may register by mail and vote by absentee ballot in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Mississippi immediately before departing the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may apply for permanent registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the City Registrar or County Registrar, city or county of voting residence. The FPCA must be mailed in time to reach the Registrar no later than 30 days before an election. The Registrar will forward an "Affidavit of Registration" and an absentee ballot to be returned together by the absentee voter. When the affidavit is returned to the Registrar and the voter is found qualified, the Registrar will then permanently register the person.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a felony or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Mississippi. A person seeking restoration of citizenship along with the right to vote should consult with a legal or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration remains permanent unless the Board of Supervisors orders re-registration in a city or county.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Within 30 days prior to any primary, general or special election, any family member of an absentee voter listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may request that the Registrar send an Affidavit of Registration and a ballot to such absentee voter.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied, an appeal may be made. The person should consult a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the Registrar receives the "Affidavit of Registration" and ballot, a person will be registered and the ballot will be processed for counting.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the City or County Registrar, place of voting residence.
- B. One (1) FPCA serves simultaneously as a request for an "Affidavit of Registration" and for an absentee ballot. An FPCA used for this dual purposes must reach the Registrar no later than 30 days before the election.
- C. Upon receipt of the completed affidavit and the voted ballot the Registrar will register qualified persons and count their ballot.
- D. For those persons who have already registered, the FPCA serves as a request for an absentee ballot. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- E. The Registrar should normally be able to forward absentee ballots as early as 30 days before an election.
- F. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.
  - G. Voted ballots must be received by the Reg-

istrar not later than 12 noon on the day preceding an election day.

#### III Oath

Mississippi requires that the FPCA used for registration and/or absentee ballot request purposes, the "Affidavit of Registration," and the absentee ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to oath.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Mississippi requires completion of all FPCA items in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which

the individual lived in the city or county in which that person wishes to vote.

- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer or other official authorized to administer oaths.

## Missouri

County

## Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by either the Board of Election Commissioners or the Clerk of the County Court depending upon a person's place of residence. Persons currently registered need not register again if they have complied with voting requirements and have not changed their name or place of residence.

Note: The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Missouri; or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Missouri but who was last domiciled in Missouri immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

1. Application for absentee registration should be made to the Board of Election Commissioners by persons residing in the following counties or cities:

C	County Seat	Zip Code	City	Zip Code
Clay Jackson	Liberty Independence	64068 64051 68105	Kansas City St. Louis City	64106 63103

2. Application for absentee registration should be made to the Clerk of the County Court in the following counties:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
	Kirksville	63501
Adair	Savannah	64485
Andrew	Rock Port	64482
Atchison		65265
Audrain	Mexico	65625
Barry	Cassville	64759
Barton	Lamar	64780
Bates	Butler	65855
Benton	Warsaw	
Bollinger	Marble Hill	68764
Boone	Columbia	65201
	Saint Joseph	64501
Buchanan	Poplar Bluff	68901
Butler	Kingston	64650
Caldwell	Fulton	65251
Callaway	Camdenton	65020
Camden	•	68755
Cape Girardeau	Jackson	64688
Carroll	Carrollton	68965
Carter	Van Buren	00000

County	County Seat	Zip code
Cass	Harrisonville	64701
Cedar	Stockton	65785
Chariton	Keytesville	65261
Christian	Ozark	65721
Clark	Kahoka	68445
Clinton	Plattsburg	64477
Cole	Jefferson City	65101
Copper	Boonville	65233 65565
Crawford	Steelville	65661
Dade	Greenfield	65622
Dallas	Buffalo	64640
Daviess	Gallatin	64469
De Kalb	Maysville	65560
Dent	Salem	65608
Douglas	Ava Kennett	68857
Dunklin	Union	63084
Franklin	Hermann	65041
Gasconade	Albany	64402
Gentry Greene	Springfield	65801
Grundy	Trenton	64683
Harrison	Bethany	64424
Henry	Clinton	64785
Hickory	Hermitage	65668
Holt	Oregon	64478
Howard	Fayette	65248
Howell	West Plains	65775 63650
Iron	Ironton	64836
Jasper	Carthage	63050
Jefferson	Hillsboro	64098
Johnson	Warrensburg	68587
Knox	Edina	65536
Laclede	Lebanon Lexington	64067
Lafayette	Mount Vernon	65712
Lawrence	Monticello	63457
Lewis	Тгоу	63379
Lincoln Linn	Linneus	64658
Livingston	Chillicothe	64601
McDonald	Pineville	64856
Macon	Macon	68552
Madison	Fredericktown	68645
Maries	Vienna	65582
Marion	Palmyra	68461
Mercer	Princeton	64673 65082
Miller	Tuscumbia	68884
Mississippi	Charleston	65018
Moniteau	California	65275
Monroe	Paris	63361
Montgomery	Montgomery City	65084
Morgan	Varsailles New Madrid	68869
New Madrid	Neosho	64850
Newton	Maryville	64468
Nodaway	Alton	65606
Oregon	Linn	65060
Osage	Gainesville	65655
Ozark Pemiscot	Caruthersville	68880
Perry	Perryville	68775
Pettis	Sedalia	65801
Phelps	Rolla	65401
Pike	Bowling Green	68884
Platte	Platte City	64079
Polk	Bolivar	65618
Pulaski	Waynesville	65588
Putnam	Unionville	68565
Ralls	New London	68459 65259
Randolph	Huntsville	
Ray	Richmond	64085
Reynolds	Centerville	68688
Ripley	Doniphan	68985
St. Charles	St. Charles	68801
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County Seat

Zip Code

County	County Seat	Zip Code
St. Clair	Osceola	64776
St. Francols	Farmington	68640
Ste. Genevieve	Ste. Genevieve	68670
Saline	Marshall	65340
Schuyler	Lancaster	68548
Scotland	Memphis	68555
Scott	Benton	68786
Shannon	Eminence	65466
Shelby	Shelbyville	68469
Stoddard	Bloomfield	68825
Stone	Galena	65656
Sullivan	Milan	68556
Taney	Forsyth	65658
Texas	Houston	65488
Vernon	Nevada	64772
Warren	Warrenton	68888
Washington	Potosi	68664
Wayne	Greenville	68944
Webster	Marshfield	65706
Worth	Grant City	64456
Wright	Hartville	65667

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Persons in the "Federal Service" are eligible for waiver of registration and may apply by mail for an absentee ballot. Persons in the "Federal Service" include:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces of the United States while in active service, and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States in active service, and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. civilian employees of the U.S. government working outside the boundaries of the United States, and their spouses and dependents,
  - d. active members of religious or welfare organizations assisting servicemen, and their spouses and dependents,
  - e. individuals who have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces or who have terminated their service or employment in any group mentioned in this section within 60 days of an election, and their spouses and dependents.
- 2. Individuals may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot if they are unable to register in person due to:
  - a. illness or physical disability,
  - b. reasons of employment.
  - c. religious belief or practice, or
  - d. absence from the country.
- 3. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories are eligible for waiver of registration and may apply by mail for an ab-

sentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Missouri immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may request a waiver of registration by sending a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the appropriate Board of Election Commissioners or Clerk of the County Court, county/city of voting residence to arrive not later than 30 days before an election.

Persons listed in paragraph B2 may apply for registration by submitting a completed FPCA to the Board of Election Commissioners/Clerk of the County Court of their county/city of voting residence to arrive not later than 45 days before an election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a felony involving election laws, or who have been convicted of any crime and are presently incarcerated or under court supervision, and persons who have been adjudged incompetent are prohibited from registering and voting in Missouri.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Persons holding a Missouri registration certificate indicating that they are on the registration list as a qualified elector are not removed if they comply with voting requirements and do not change their name or place of residence.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Registration and a request for a ballot may be done by proxy through a guardian or a relative within the second degree by blood or affinity.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

No appeal rights are specifically provided if a person's application for registration by FPCA or state application is denied. If this occurs, the person should consult a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the Clerk of the County Court or Board of Election Commissioners receives an FPCA, it will be reviewed and, if approved, the person will be registered, or, if appropriate, registration will be waived and the person will be sent an absentee ballot.

#### 11 Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. All persons listed under Section I, paragraph B, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to their Board of Election Commissioners or Clerk of the County Court, county 'city of voting residence.
- B. One (1) FPCA may be submitted by persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B3, to simultaneously request registration waiver and an absentee ballot. When used for this dual purpose the FPCA must reach the Board/Clerk no later than 30 days before the election.
- C. One (1) FPCA submitted by the persons listed under paragraph B2 serves simultaneously as an application for registration and as a request for an absentee ballot. When used for this dual purpose the FPCA must reach the Board/Clerk not later than 45 days before the election.
- D. No application for an absentee ballot may be made prior to the tenth Tuesday before the election.
- E. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election.
- F. An FPCA used by registered voters to request an absentee ballot must be submitted to the Board/Clerk not later than 5 p.m. on the Wednesday immedately prior to the election in which the person wishes to vote.
- G. The Board of Election Commissioners/ Clerk of the County Court should normally be

able to send an absentee ballot as early as 30 days before an election. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the ballot.

H. Voted ballots must reach the Board of Election Commissioners Clerk of the County Court, county city of residence not later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

#### III Oath

Missouri requires that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

- A. Missouri requires that all FPCA items be completed in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county (or city) in which that person wishes to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA ballot request must be submitted for each election. No application for an absentee ballot may be made prior to the tenth Tuesday before the election.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must in all cases be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# Montana

## I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Election Administrator. Persons currently registered need not register again unless they failed to vote in the preceding presidential election.

The term PERSON(S) as used therein means a resident of Montana or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who qualifies as a resident of the State of Montana immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the County Election Administrator, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Beaverhead	Dillon	59725
Big Horn	Hardin	89084
Blaine	Chinook	59528
Broadwater	Townsend	59644
Carbon	Red Lodge	59068
Carter	Ekalaka	59824
Cascade	Great Falls	59401
Chouteau	Fort Benton	59442
Custer	Miles City	59801
Daniels	Scobey	59268
Dawson	Glendive	59880
Deer Lodge	Anaconda	59711
Fallon	Baker	59818
Fergus	Lewistown	59457
Flathead	Kalispell	59901
Gallatin	Boseman	59715
Garfield	Jordan	59887
Glacier	Cut Bank	59427
Golden Valley	Ryegate	59074
Granite	Philipsburg	59858
Hill	Havre	59501
Jefferson	Boulder	59632
Judith Basin	Stanford	59479
Lake	Polson	59860
Lewis and Clark	Helena	59601
Liberty	Chester	59522
Lincoln	Libby	59928
McCone	Circle	59215
Madison	Virginia City	59755
Meagher	White Sulphur Springs	59645
Mineral	Superior	59872
Missoula	Missoula	59801
Muscelshell	Roundup	59072
Park	Livingston	59047
Petroleum	Winnett	59087

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Phillips	Malta	59588
Pondera	Conrad	59425
Powder River	Broadus	59817
Powell	Deer Lodge	59722
Prairie	Terry	59849
Ravalli	Hamilton	59840
Richland	Sidney	59270
Roosevelt	Wolf Point	59201
Rosebud	Foreyth	59827
Sanders	Thompson Falls	59878
Sheridan	Plentywood	59254
Silver Bow	Blutte	59701
Stillwater	Columbus	59019
Sweet Grass	Big Timber	59011
Teton	Choteau	59422
Toole	Shelby	59474
Treasure	Hysham	59088
Valley	Glasgow	59280
Wheatland	Harlowton	59086
Wibaux	Wibaux	59858
Yellowstone	Billings	59101

## B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Any Montana resident may register and vote absentee.
- 2. Overseas Electors may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Montana immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraph B above, may register absentee by mailing a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Election Administrator, county of voting residence. The FPCA itself is accepted for registration purposes and must be mailed in time to reach the Administrator not later than 30 days before any election.

#### D. Bais to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a felony, while incarcerated for that conviction, and those persons who have been adjudged insane by a court of competent jurisdiction are prohibited from voting. A person seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration will be cancelled for failure to

vote in the immediately preceding presidential election.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Any person on behalf of another person may obtain a state registration request form from the County Election Administrator. An absentee ballot may not be requested by proxy.

### G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

There is no specific provision for appeal of a denial of registration. If registration is denied the person should contact the legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

If the information on the FPCA is adequate and proper the County Election Administrator will register the person and so notify him. If the information is not adequate, the County Election Administrator will so advise the person.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Election Administrator, county of voting residence.
- B. One (1) FPCA may be submitted to simultaneously request registration and an absentee ballot. When utilized for this dual purpose the FPCA must reach the Administration not earlier than 75 days before the election and not later than 30 days before the election. (Any FPCA submitted earlier than 75 days before an

election is treated only as a registration request.)

- C. When used as an absentee ballot request only, the FPCA must reach the Administrator not earlier than 75 days before the election and not later than the day before the election.
- D. A separate FPCA must be submitted to request a ballot for each election in which a person wants to vote.
- E. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 30 days before the election. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the ballot.
- F. Voted ballots must be returned in time to reach the election officials before the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

Montana requires that an FPCA used for registration and/or absentee ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

- A. Montana requires completion of all FPCA items, except Item 8, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which the person wishes to vote.

## Nebraska

## **Absentee Registration**

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk (Election Commissioner in Buffalo, Dawson, Douglas, Lancaster, Platte, Sarpy and Hall counties). Persons currently registered need not register again unless they have changed their name, residence, or political party affiliation.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Nebraska or an Overseas Elector.

The Term OVERSAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Nebraska but who was last domiciled in Nebraska immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the County Clerk (Election Commissioner in Buffalo, Dawson, Douglas, Lancaster, Platte, Sarpy and Hall counties) county of voting residence as listed below:

	County Seat	Zip Code
County	Hastings	68901
Adams	Neligh	68756
Antelope	Arthur	69121
Arthur	Artnur Harrisburg	69845
Banner		68821
Blaine	Brewster	68620
Boone	Albion	69801
Box Butte	Alliance	68722
Boyd	Butte	69210
Brown	Ainsworth	68847
Buffalo	Kearney	68061
Burt	Tekamah	68682
Butler	David City	68048
Cass	Plattsmouth	68789
Cedar	Hartin on	69088
Chase	Imperial	69201
Cherry	Valentine	69162
Chevenne	Sidney	68933
Clay	Clay Center	68661
Colfax	Schuyler	68778
Cuming	West Point	68821
Custer	Broken Bow	68731
Dakota	Dakota City	69337
Dawes	Chadron	68850
Dawson	Lexington	69121
Deuel	Chappell	6877
Dixon	Ponce	6802
Dodge	Fremont	6810
Douglas	Omaha	4902
Dundy	Benkelman	950A

0	County Seat	Zip Cod.
County	Geneva	69361
Fillmore Franklin	Franklin	68939
r ranam Frontier	Stockville	39042
Furnas	Beaver City	69826
Gage	Beatrice	68810 69154
Garden	Oshkosh	68823
Garfield	Burwell	68937
Gosper	Elwood	69850
Grant	Hyannis Greeley	68842
Greeley	Grand Island	68801
Hall Hamilton	Aurora	68818
Harlan	Alma	68920
Hayes	Hayes Center	69082
Hitchcock	Trenton	69044
Holt	O'Neil	6876 <b>3</b> 69152
Hooker	Mullen	68878
Howard	Saint Paul	38352
Jefferson	Fairbury Tecumseh	68450
Johnson	Minden	68959
Kearney	Ogallala	69168
Keith Keya Paha	Springview	68778
Kimball	Kimball	69145
Knox	Center	68724
Lancaster	Lincoln	68508
Lincoln	North Platte	69101 69163
Logan	Stapleton	68879
Loup	Taylor	69167
McPherson	Tryon Madison	68748
Madison Merrick	Central City	68826
Morrill	Bridgeport	69836
Nance	Fullerton	68688
Nemaha	Auburn	68806 68961
Nuckolls	Nelson	68410
Otoe	Nebraska City	68420
Pawnee	Pawnee City Grant	69140
Perkins	Yoldrege	68949
Phelps Pierce	Pierce	68767
Platte	Columbus	68601
Polk	Oscoola	68651 69001
Red Willow	MeCook	68855
Richardson	Falls City	68714
Rock	Bassett Wilber	68465
Saline	Papillion	68046
Sarpy Saunders	Wahoo	68066
Scotts Bluff	Gerins	69841
Seward	Seward	68484
Sheridan	Rushville	69360 68858
Sherman	Loup City	20042
Sioux	Harrison	68779
Stanton	Stanton	68870
Thayer	Hebron Thedford	69166
Thomas	Pender	68047
Thurston Valley	Ord	68862
Washington	Blair	68008
Wayne	Wayne	68787
Webster	Red Cloud	68970 68622
Wheeler	Bartlett	48467
York	York	4340

## B. Who May Register Absentee

1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:

- a. Any person qualified as an elector, who will be away from his county of voting residence on an election day may register and vote by absentee process.
- b. Any person qualified as an elector, disabled due to illness and unable to go to the polls on an election day may vote absentee.
- c. Any person who is confined by public order and has not been convicted of treason or a felony under the laws of this State or of the United States may vote absentee.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the foregoing categories and not now claiming Nebraska as their domicile or residence may register and vote in Federal elections under provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Nebraska before departing the United States and are now overseas.

## C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraph IB above, may apply for the state registration form by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Clerk (or Election Commissioner in the appropriate counties), county of voting residence. The state registration form should be returned in a separate envelope at the time the absentee ballot is returned. When the completed state form is returned and the voter is found qualified, the Clerk (or Election Commissioner) will permanently register the individual.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of treason or a felony under the laws of the State or of the United States or a person declared mentally incompetent are not qualified to vote. A person seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration will not be cancelled for failure to vote.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

A person's spouse or parent may apply for absentee registration and for an absentee ballot.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied he should seek the assistance of his/her legal officer or civilian counsel.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

The election commissioner is authorized to issue certificates of registration when a person is registered.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Clerk (Election Commissioner in Buffalo, Dawson, Douglas, Lancaster, Platte, Sarpy and Hall counties), county of voting residence.
- B. A single FPCA may be submitted to simultaneously request both a state registration form and an absentee ballot.
- C. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which you wish to vote absentee.
- D. The persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1a, c, and B2, should submit their FPCAs requesting an absentee ballot in time to reach the County Clerk/Election Commissioner not earlier than 90 days before an election and not later than the Friday before an election. However, the persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1b (disabled voters) should submit their FPCAs requesting a ballot in time to be received by the County Clerk/Election Commissioner no earlier than 35 days before and not later than the Friday before an election.
- E. Absentee ballots will be sent as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 35 days before an election.
- F. Absentee ballots must be voted not later than 8 p.m. election day for voting residences in the central time zone and not later than 7 p.m. for voting residences in the mountain time zone.
  - G. Persons attesting to an absentee voter's

ballot must indicate the day and hour on which the ballot was voted.

H. Voted ballots must be returned in time to reach the County Clerk/Election Commissioner not later than 10 a.m. of the second day following the election.

## III Oath

Nebraska requires that an FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, state registration forms, and absentee ballot return envelopes be executed pursuant to oath. The individual attesting to the absentee voter's ballot must also show the day and hour on which the ballot was voted.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Nebraska requires that completion of all

FPCA items, except Items 5, 6 and 12, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.

- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which they wish to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# Nevada

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk in all counties, other than Clark and Washoe counties in which registration is conducted by the Registrar of Voters.

Registration is permanent if the person votes in the general election which takes place in November of each even numbered year.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Nevada resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States, who has or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Nevada but was last domiciled in Nevada immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Applications for registration should be submitted to the County Clerk (Registrar of Voters in Clark and Washoe counties) at the county seat of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Churchill	Fallon	89406
Clark	Las Vegas	89101
Douglas	Minden	89428
Elko	Elko	89801
Esmeralda	Goldfield	89013
Eureka	Eureka	89316
Humboldt	Winnemucca	89445
Lander	Battle Mt.	89820
Lincoln	Pioche	89048
Lyon	Yerington	89447
Mineral	Hawthorne	89415
Nye	Tonopah	89049
Pershing	Lovelock	89419
Storey	Virginia City	89440
Washoe	Reno	89510
White Pine	Ely	89801

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may register absentee in Nevada:
  - a. members of the Uniformed Services of the United States and their spouses and dependents,

- b. members of the United States Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
- c. civilian employees of the United States government beyond the boundaries of the State of Nevada.
- d. members of religious and welfare agencies officially attached to and serving with the Armed Forces of the United States, and
  - e. Overseas Citizens.

## C. Registration Procedures

- 1. There are two separate forms for absentee registration used in Nevada. All persons entitled to register absentee, except Overseas Citizens, must use the "Affidavit of Registration" form. Overseas Citizens must use the registration form prepared by each county especially for their use.
- 2. The appropriate registration form may be requested from the county clerk (Registrar of Voters in Clark and Washoe counties), county of voting residence. This request may be made by mail, (Federal Post Card Application or other writing), telephone or by telegram.
- 3. The completed registration form must be received by the county registration official by the close of registration—30 days before the election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

- 1. Persons convicted of treason or of a felony, and persons who are declared insane are prohibited from registering and voting in Nevada until their civil rights have been restored.
- 2. Persons seeking restoration of their civil rights should contact a local legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote in the last general election, changing his name, or committing a disenfranchising offense as noted in paragraph D above.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Nevada does not provide for application for registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's request for registration has been denied, the information requested in the notice of denial should be provided. If a second denial is received, assistance should be obtained from the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

Upon completion of registration the County Clerk shall file the affidavit of registration in the appropriate permanent county file. There is no formal procedure for advising voters that they have been registered.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Those persons permitted to register absentee as listed in Section I, paragraph B1, may use an FPCA to request an absentee ballot. The completed FPCA used to request the state registration form will be treated by county election officials as a request for an absentee ballot for one election only.
- B. If the FPCA is being used to request a county registration form and an absentee ballot then it must be mailed in sufficient time to permit the return of the completed registration form before the close of registration.
- C. All other registered residents of Nevada who will be outside of the state may make a written request for an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots should be mailed to the County Clerk where that person is registered.
- D. A request for an absentee ballot may be made any time up to 5 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the election.

- E. Absentee ballots will be sent to voters as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 25 days before the election.
- F. Voted ballots must be received by election officials not later than the close of polls on election day.

# III Oath

The absentee registration form, the application for absentee ballot or FPCA, and the ballot return envelope do not have to be sworn to.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Nevada requires that a person complete all FPCA items except Items 4, 5, and 16 when using the FPCA to request a state registration form and an absentee ballot.
- B. A separate request for absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. A single FPCA may be used as a simultaneous request for the county registration form and an absentee ballot for one election.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person resided in the community in Nevada in which the person desires to vote
- E. FPCA Item 3: Voters are reminded that their place of birth is not their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# **New Hampshire**

# 1 Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the Checklist or the Board of Registrars in the town or city of voting residence.

Registration is not permanent in New Hampshire. Registered voters are required to reregister every 10 years beginning in 1981. Persons who did not register in 1981 or vote in the 1980 state general elections or the 1981 town meeting should assume that their name has been removed from the registration rolls and should follow the process to reregister.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a New Hampshire resident and includes an Overseas Voter.

The term OVERSEAS VOTER(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will attain the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not qualify as a resident of the State of New Hampshire, but who was last domiciled in New Hampshire immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Applications for absentee registration should be submitted to the **Town or City Clerk** in the town or city of voting residence.

### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons, referred to as "Armed Service Voters", may vote absentee in New Hampshire without first being registered:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and the Public Health Service.
    - b. members of the Merchant Marine,
  - c. civilian employees of the United States government serving outside of the United States
  - d. members of religious or welfare groups or agencies assisting members of the Armed Forces who are attached to and serving with the Armed Forces.

- e. spouses and dependents of those persons listed above when residing with and accompanying them;
- 2. The following people may register absentee in New Hampshire:
  - a. any person who can not register in person,
    - b. Overseas Voters.

# C. Registration Procedures

- 1. New Hampshire has 3 separate methods to accomplish absentee registration. The method used to register depends upon the category of absentee voter.
- 2. "Armed Service Voters" are registered when the absentee ballot return envelope is returned to the Board with the certification signed by the voter and sworn to before a commissioned officer or other person authorized to administer oaths.
- 3. Overseas Voters use the state "Federal Overseas Voter Registration Application" form to register. This form may be requested by use of a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or other writing. Persons should be sure to note on the request for the state form that they are a "Federal Overseas Voter." The completed state registration form must be received by the Town or City Clerk not later than the close of registration—10 days before the election.
- 4. All other persons required to register before voting must use the "Voter Registration Card" and the "Absentee Registration Affidavit" to register absentee. These two forms may be requested in writing from the Town or City Clerk, in the city or town of voting residence or from the Secretary of State. These forms must be completed and returned to the Town or City Clerk not later than the close of registration—10 days before the election.
- 5. The FPCA used by Overseas Voters to request the state registration form can also be treated as a request for an absentee ballot for the particular election noted in FPCA Item 7.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

1. Persons who have been convicted of bribery, treason or any willful violation of the

election laws of New Hampshire or of the United States may not register or vote in New Hampshire.

2. Persons seeking restoration of voting rights should consult a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

- 1. A person's registration shall be cancelled automatically every 10 years beginning in 1981.
- 2. Registration may also be cancelled if the supervisor of the registration checklist believes that a person is no longer a resident of the city or town. Prior to such cancellation the supervisor must give the person written notice of the intended cancellation. This notice is sent to the person's last known address.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

New Hampshire does not have any procedure for registraiton by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

- 1. A person who has been denied the right to register in New Hampshire should resubmit the registration forms correcting the defects specified in the notice of denial.
- 2. If a second denial is received the person should consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel for assistance in appealing the denial.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

- 1. Upon receipt of properly executed registration forms, a person's name will be added to the checklist. A person is not advised of this fact.
- 2. If a person's registration forms are rejected, the person will be so notified with the reason for the rejection.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Town or City Clerk, in the city or town of voting residence.
- B. All persons who are registered to vote in New Hampshire and those persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1, and those who will be

absent from their city or town on the day of election may vote by absentee ballot.

- C. The FPCA or the state form "Application for Absentee Ballot" may be used by "Armed Services Voters," Overseas Voters, and residents of New Hampshire who are temporarily outside of the United States. All other persons must use the state form "Application for Absentee Ballot" or any other writing containing the information called for in the state form. State absentee ballot applications may be obtained from the town or city clerk or the Secretary of State.
- D. The "Application for Absentee Ballot" form may be submitted up to the day before the election.
- E. Absentee ballots wil be mailed as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 25 days before the election.
- F. Absentee ballots from "Armed Service Voters" and overseas voters must be received not later than the close of polls on election day. Absentee ballots by all other persons must be received not later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election.

# III Oath

- 1. The signature of the applicant on the state affidavit form for absentee registration must be sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.
- 2. The person's signature on the request for the absentee ballot, either on the FPCA, the state form, or otherwise does not have to be sworn to.
- 3. The absentee ballot return envelope contains an affidavit which must be signed by the

Note: "Armed Service Voters" who were not registered to vote when they requested their absentee ballot must have their signature sworn to on the ballot envelope before a commissioned officer in order to have their ballot counted.

# 'V Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. New Hampshire requires that all FPCA items except Item 16 be completed when using the FPCA to request state registration forms or an absentee ballot.

- B. A separate request for an absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. One FPCA may be used as a request for state registration forms and an absentee ballot for one election.
- D. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being

requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.

E. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party may result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# **New Jersey**

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Commissioner of Registration. Persons currently registered need not register again.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of New Jersey or an Overseas Elector

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of New Jersey but who was last domiciled in New Jersey immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application should be made to the County Commissioner of Registration, county of voting residence at the county seat as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Atlantic	Atlantic City	08401
Bergen	Hackensack	07601
Burlington	Mount Holly	08060
Camden	Camden	08101
Cape May	Cape May Court House	08210
Cumberland	Bridgetown	08302
Essex	Newark	07102
Gloucester	Woodbury	08096
Hudson	Jersey City	07806
Hunterdon	Flerington	08822
Mercer	Trenton	08611
Middlesex	Perth Amboy	08861
Monmouth	Freehold	07728
Morris	Morristown	07960
Ocean	Toms River	08758
Passaic	Paterson	07508
Salem	Salem	08079
Somerset	Somerville	08876
Sussex	Newton	07860
Union	Elizabeth	07202
Warren	Belvidere	07828

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Residents of New Jersey in the following categories are eligible for waiver of registration and may apply by mail for an absentee ballot:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces of the United States,

- b. spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces,
- c. civilians attached to or serving with the Armed Forces while out of New Jersey and their spouses and dependents residing with or accompanying them,
- d. patients in a veterans' hospital located outside the county of their residence and who have been in the military service in any war in which the United States has engaged and have then been discharged or released from the military.
- 2. Residents of New Jersey in the following categories may apply by mail for permanent registration and for an absentee ballot:
  - a. persons absent (including members of the Merchant Marine) or who expect to be absent from New Jersey or the United States on the day of an election,
  - b. persons unable to attend the polls on an election day due to permanent and total disability or illness or temporary physical disability or the observance of a religious holiday by the tenets of their religion or resident attendance at a school, college, or university or employment hours.
- 3. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories and not now claiming New Jersey as their domicile or residence are eligible for waiver of registration and may apply by mail for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the Overseas Citizen Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in New Jersey before departing the U.S. and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. The voters listed in paragraph B1 and 3 above, may obtain a waiver of registration by sending a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form to the County Clerk, county of voting residence. Both registration waiver and an absence ballot request may be accomplished simultaneously by the use of one FPCA.
- 2. The voters listed in paragraph 2b above, may obtain a state registration form by sending a completed FPCA to their County Commissioner of Registration. The state form must be

witnessed by one person registered to vote in New Jersey and returned to the commissioner postmarked no later than the 29th day preceeding an election. When the state form is returned and the voter is found qualified the commissioner will permanently register the individual.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or are on probation or parole or serving a sentence for a felony conviction or who are declared mentally incompetent are prohibited from registering and voting in New Jersey. However, individuals with a conviction resulting in loss of the right of suffrage or still serving a sentence or probation or parole may apply for a pardon to have their citizenship restored along with the right to vote. A request must be submitted to the Governor, State of New Jersey, Trenton, N.J. 08625, requesting consideration for a pardon to have voting rights restored.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

Permanent registration is cancelled if a person fails to vote at least once during a 4 year period. However, the voters in paragraphs B1 and B3 above are exempt from registration as long as they are qualified to vote absentee.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

A friend or relative of the voters listed in paragraph B1 above, may apply for an absentee ballot in their behalf up to the day of an election. All other categories of absentee voters must apply for registration or make their own requests.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If an individual is denied registration an appeal may be brought. Such an individual should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

### H. State Action on Registration Requests

1. When the County Clerk receives the FPCA submitted by the voters in paragraphs B1 and B3 above, it will be reviewed and an absentee

ballot will be sent to those individuals found to be qualified electors.

2. The voters listed in paragraph B2 above, are permanently registered with the County Commissioner of Registration. When the state form is returned and the voter is found qualified, the County Commissioner will permanently register these persons.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. The voters listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B3 above, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence. A single FPCA may be submitted to the County Clerk by these voters to simultaneously obtain registration waiver and an absentee ballot.

B. The voters listed in Section I, paragraph B2 may, after they have permanently registered, apply for an absentee ballot by submitting a completed FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.

C. A completed FPCA requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the County Clerk, county of voting residence, no later than 7 days before an election for voters listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B3.

D. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election.

E. The County Clerk should normally be able to forward absentee ballots as early as 17 days before an election.

F. Absentee ballots must be returned to the County Board of Elections no later than the close of polls on election day. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time remembering that the closer to the date of an election you send your request, the less time you will have to receive and return your absentee ballot.

#### III Oath

New Jersey requires the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, the state registration form, and the absentee ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to oath.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. A single FPCA submitted by the voters listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B3, to

the County Clerk, county of voting residence, serves simultaneously to accomplish a waiver of registration and to request an absentee ballot.

- B. New Jersey requires that you complete all FPCA items except Item 5 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete (including number and street) address at which the person lived in the county in which the persons wishes to vote.
  - D. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particu-

lar election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which you wish to vote absentee.

E. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed when requesting a primary election ballot. Failure to indicate a political party will result in the individual receiving no ballot for that election.

F. FPCA item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must in all cases be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, authorized U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# **New Mexico**

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk, county of voting residence.

Registration is permanent. However, a person's name will be removed from the registration rolls for failing to vote in the last general election. A general election occurs in November of each even numbered year in New Mexico.

New Mexico also has a procedure for temporary registration for Federal Voters, and Overseas Citizen Voters (Section I, paragraph C2).

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a New Mexico resident and includes Overseas Citizen Voters.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN VOTER(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 years by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of New Mexico but who was last domiciled in New Mexico immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

#### A. Where to Apply

Requests for registration should be sent to the County Clerk, county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Bernalillo	Albuquerque	87101
Catron	Reserve	87880
Chaves	Roswell	88201
Cibola	Grants	81020
Colfax	Raton	87740
Curry	Clovis	88101
De Baca	Fort Sumner	88119
Dona Ana	Las Cruces	88001
Eddy	Carlsbad	88220
Grant	Silver City	88061
Guadalupe	Santa Rosa	88435
Harding	Mosquero	87788
Hidalgo	Lordsburg	88045
Les	Lovington	88260
Lincoln	Carrisoso	88801
Los Alamos	Los Alamos	87544
Luna	Deming	88080
McKinley	Gallup	87801
Mora	Mora	87782
Otero	Alamogordo	88810
Quay	Tucumcari	88401
Rio Arriba	Tierra Amarilla	87575
Roosevelt	Portales	88180

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Sandoval	Bernalillo	87004
San Juan	Astec	87410
San Miguel	Las Vegas	87701
Santa Fe	Santa Fe	87501
Sierra	Truth or Consequences	87901
Socorro	Socorro	87801
Taos	Taos	87571
Torrance	Estancia	87016
Union	Clayton	88415
Valencia	Los Lunas	87081

### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Persons who are temporarily out of their county of voting residence may obtain permanent registration by requesting a blank affidavit of registration from their County Clerk, completing and executing the affidavit and returning it to the County Clerk for acceptance or rejection.
- 2. In a special category are Federal Voters, and Overseas Citizen Voters. These voters may register temporarily when they use a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to apply for their absentee ballot.
  - 3. Federal Voters are defined as:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces while in the active service and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents.
  - c. citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

#### C. Registration Procedures

1. Permanent Registration: Permanent registration is accomplished by completing the "Affidavit of Registration" form which may be obtained from the County Clerk in the county of voting residence by a written request. An FPCA may be used to request change of information on the "Affidavit of Registration" of any Federal Voter. The form must be signed and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths if the person is outside of the State of New Mexico and before a state registration official if the person is within the state. The form must be returned to the County Clerk before the close of registration—42 days before the election.

- 2. Temporary Registration: New Mexico provides for temporary registration for Federal Voters and Overseas Citizen Voters. These voters will be registered for a particular election at the time their FPCA request for an absentee ballot is received and accepted by the County Clerk. The FPCA must be signed and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.
- 3. The FPCA or other request for absentee ballot must be received by the County Clerk not later than 28 days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed outside of the United States and not later than 10 days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed within the United States.

### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

- 1. Persons convicted of a felony or infamous crime, unless restored to political rights, and those persons adjudged insane by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not be permitted to register or vote in New Mexico.
- 2. Persons having a felony conviction on their record may apply to have their New Mexico citizenship rights restored by being pardoned by the Governor. A person seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration may be cancelled for failure to vote in the last general election after failure to respond to notice sent to the address on the registration form.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

New Mexico does not provide for application for registration and ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

It is recommended that a person whose request for permanent registration has been denied should provide any information requested in the notice of the denial of registration received from the County Clerk. If a second denial

is received and the applicant does not understand the reason for denial, he should talk to the County Clerk or seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Persons who become permanently registered in New Mexico will be issued a copy of the "Affidavit of Registration."

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. A person may vote by absentee ballot if they cannot be present at their precinct polls on election day only for the following reasons:
  - 1. They cannot be present at their precinct poll on election day, because of illness, injury or disability,
  - 2. They will be absent from their county of residence because duties, occupation, business or vacation requires them to be elsewhere.
  - 3. They cannot attend their precinct poll because of the tenets of their religion, or they are a prisoner in any jail, detention home or penitentiary and they have not been convicted of a felony,
  - 4. They are a member of a precinct board and will be sent from their precinct on election day because of assigned duties; or,
  - 5. Because they are one of the following: the Secretary of State, a member of the staff of the Secretary of State, a County Clerk, a member of the staff of the County Clerk or a voting machine technician.
- B. Federal Voters and Overseas Citizen Voters may use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot. All other persons must use the absentee ballot application request form prescribed by the Secretary of State. This form may be obtained from the County Clerk, county of the county voting residence, in writing.
- C. Applications for and requests for application for absentee ballots should be sent to the County Clerk for the county of voting residence listed in Section I, paragraph A.
- D. The FPCA or other request for the New Mexico absentee ballot application must be received by the County Clerk no later than 28 days before the election if the ballot is to be

mailed outside of the United States, and not later than 10 days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed within the United States.

- E. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as printed and available—approximately 40 days before the primary election, and 49 days before the general election.
- F. Voted ballots must be received by the County Clerk before the close of polls on election day 7:00 p.m.

### III Oath

The FPCA used to request temporary registration, the state absentee ballot application form, and the absentee ballot envelope must be sworn to.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. New Mexico requires that all FPCA items, except Item 5, be completed in order to use the FPCA as a request for temporary registration and/or an absentee ballot.

- B. A separate FPCA is required to obtain an absentee ballot for each election.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address at which the voter lived in the county of voting residence in New Mexico.
- D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their state of birth is not necessarily their state of voting residence if they are now residents of other state.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must specify the election for which a ballot is being requested. Circling item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving an absentee ballot for any election.
- F. FPCA Item 8: Must contain the name of the political party for which an absentee ballot for a primary election is being requested. Failure to do this will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.
- G. The FPCA must be sworn to before any person empowered by the federal government or the laws of any state or foreign government to administer oaths.

# **New York**

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Board of Elections at each county of voting residence.

Registration is permanent provided a person votes at least once during a 2 year period.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a New York resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein (New York state refers to these voters as "special federal voters") means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of New York but who was last domiciled in New York immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

- 1. Military voters (as defined in paragraph C2 below) must request absentee registration through the Division for Servicemen's Voting, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12210.
- 2. All other persons should request absentee registration from the County Board of Elections, county of voting residence at the address listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Albany	Court House	Albany, N.Y. 12207
Allegany	County Court House	Belmont, N.Y. 14818
Broome	County Office Bldg., Gov't Plaza,	Binghamton, N.Y. 13902
a	P.O. Box 1766	7 14 17 17 11 37 37 4 400 F
Cattaraugus	County Bldg.	Little Valley, N.Y. 14755
Cayuga	Court House	Alburn, N.Y. 13021
Chautauqua	County Office Bldg.	Mayville, N.Y. 14757
Chemung	412 E. Church St.	Elmira, N.Y. 14901
Chenango	County Office Bldg.	Norwich, N.Y. 18815
Clinton	137 Margaret Street	Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901
Columbia	Court House	Hudson, N.Y. 12534
Cortland	Court House	Cortland, N.Y. 18045
Delaware	County Highway Bldg.	Delhi, N.Y. 18753
Dutchess	47 Cannon Street	Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601
Erie	184 W. Eagle Street	Buffalo, N.Y. 14202
Essex	County Court House	Elizabethtown, N.Y. 12932
Franklin	11 Brewster St.	Malone, N.Y. 12953
Fulton	County Bldg.	Johnstown, N.Y. 12095
Genesee	County Bldg., 1 Main and Court Streets	Batavia, N.Y. 14020
Greene	329 Main St.	Catskill, N.Y. 12414

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Hamilton	County Bldg.	Lake Pleasant, N Y. 12108
Herkimer	County Bldg.	Herkimer, N.Y. 18350
Jefferson	175 Arsenal Street	Watertown, N.Y. 18601
Lewis	Court House	Lowville, N.Y. 18867
Livingston	Court House	Genesco, N.Y. 14454
Madison	County Office Bldg.	Wampsville, N.Y. 13163
Monroe	89 Main St., W.	Rochester, N.Y. 14614
Montgomery	Old Court House, Railroad St.	Fonda, N.Y. 12068
Nassau	New Administration Bldg.	Mineola, N.Y. 11501
New York City	181 Varick St.	N.Y. 10018
Niagara	Court House	Lockport, N.Y. 14094
Oneida	800 Park Avenue	Utica, N.Y. 18501
Onondaga	Civic Center, 421 Mont- gomery St.	Syracuse, N.Y. 18202
Ontario	County Office Bldg., 120 N. Main St.	Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424
Orange	25 Court Lane	Goshen, N.Y. 10924
Orleans	Courthouse Square	Albion, N.Y. 14411
Oswego	28 West Bridge St.	Oswego, N.Y. 18126
Otsego	County Office Bldg.	Cooperstown, N.Y. 18826
Putnam	County Office Bldg.	Carmel, N.Y. 10512
Rensselaer	County House	Troy, N.Y. 12180
Rockland	New Hempstead Road	New City, N.Y. 10956
St. Lawrence	Corner Office Bldg., Court Street	Canton, N.Y. 18617
Saratoga	40 McMaster St.	Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020
Schenectady	612 Stare Street	Schenectady, N.Y. 12807
Schoharie	Court House	Schoharie, N.Y. 12157
Schuyler	County Bldg.	Watkins Glen, N.Y. 14891
Seneca	West William Street	Waterloo, N.Y. 18165
Steuben	County Office Bldg.	Bath, N.Y. 14810
Suffolk		Yaphank, N.Y. 11980
Sullivan	Government Center	Monticello, N.Y. 12701
Tioga	County Office Bldg., 56 Main Street	Owego, N.Y. 18827
Tompkins	Court House Annex, 128 E. Buffalo St.	Ithaca, N.Y. 14850
Ulster	Ulater Co. Office Bldg., P.O. Box 628	Kingston, N.Y. 12401
Warren	Warren Co. Municipal Center	Lake George, N.Y. 12845
Washington	Upper Broadway	Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828
Wayne	Social Service Bldg., 16 William St.	Lyons, N.Y. 14489
Westchester	214 Central Park Ave.	White Plains, N.Y. 10606

### B. Who May Register Absentee

5 N. Main St.

County Bldg., Court St.

Wyoming

Yates

The following persons may register absentee in New York:

a. any resident of the State of New York,

Warsaw, N.Y. 14569

Penn Yan, N.Y. 14527

b. Overseas Citizens.

## C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Absentee registration procedures in New York vary depending upon the category in which the person is placed.
- 2. Military voters (members of the uniformed services of the United States, cadets in the United States service academies and their

spouses and dependents) send the completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Division for Servicemen's Voting. The FPCA will then be forwarded to the County Board of Elections, county of voting residence. The FPCA will serve also as a request for an absentee ballot and must be received by the Division for Servicemen's Voting not less than 30 days before the election.

- 3. All other persons, including Overseas Citizens, may use either the FPCA or the state mail registration form as a request for absentee registration. The request for registration should be sent directly to the County Board of Elections, county of voting residence. Requests for absentee registration must be received not later than the close of registration—30 days before an election.
- 4. When the FPCA is used as a registration form it will also be treated as a request for an absentee ballot.

### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

- 1. Persons convicted of a felony may not vote unless they are pardoned and citizenship rights restored or their maximum sentence of imprisonment has expired or they have been discharged from parole. In addition a person who has been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent authority may not register or vote in New York.
- 2. Persons seeking restoration of their citizenship and voting rights should contact their local legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration will be cancelled by a change in voting residence or failure to vote at least once in a general, special or primary election during the preceeding two year period.

#### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

New York does not provide for registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Persons advised that their registration is

denied should provide the information requested. If a second denial is received then that person should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

The County Board of Registration shall advise persons that their request for absentee registration has been processed and that they have been registered.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Procedures for requesting an absentee ballot in New York vary depending upon the category in which a person is a member.
- B. Military voters may use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot. The FPCA must be sent to the Division for Servicemen's Voting. If the person is already registered the FPCA must be received not less than 7 days before the election. If the person is not registered then the FPCA must be received not less than 30 days before the election.
- C. All other persons, including Overseas Citizens, may use the FPCA or the state absentee ballot request form to request an absentee ballot. The request should be sent directly to the County Board of Elections, county of voting residence. If the FPCA is also being used to request registration it must be received by the Board of Elections not less than 30 days before the election. If the person is already registered then the FPCA or the state absentee ballot request form must be received not less than 7 days before the election.
- D. Persons must allow enough time to request, receive, vote the ballot and mail the ballot to be received by the appropriate election officials by the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

New York does not require that a person's oath be taken on the FPCA, the state absentee registration form or the absentee ballot return envelope.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. New York requires that a person complete all FPCA items except Items 5e, f and 16 when

using the FPCA as a request for absentee ballot and/or absentee registration.

- B. One (1) FPCA may be used to request absentee registration and an absentee ballot.
- C. A separate request must be made for an absentee ballot for each election.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address where the person resided in the county in New York in which the person desires to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their

voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.

- F. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party preference will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# **North Carolina**

County

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Board of Elections at each county seat.

A person must be registered in order to vote in North Carolina.

Registration is permanent provided the person votes at least once every 4 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used here means a North Carolina resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of North Carolina but who was last domiciled in North Carolina immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Applications for absentee registration should be sent to the County Board of Elections, at the county seat, county of voting residence as listed below:

pelow:			Pamlico	Dayboro	20010
			Pasquotank	Elizabeth City	27909
	County Seat	Zip Code	Pender	Burgaw	28425
County		27258	Perquimans	Hertford	27944
Alamance	Graham	28681	Person	Roxboro	27578
Alexander	Taylorsville	28675	Pitt	Greenville	27884
Alleghany	Sparta		Polk	Columbus	28722
Anson	Wadesboro	28170	Randolph	Asheboro	27208
Ashe	Jefferson	28640	Richmond	Rockingham	28379
Avery	Newland	28657	Robeson	Lumberton	28358
Beaufort	Washington	27889	Rockingham	Wentworth	27875
Bertie	Windsor	27988	Rowan	Salisbury	28144
Bladen	Elizabethtown	28387	Rutherford	Rutherfordton	28189
Brunswick	Southport	28461	Sampson	Clinton	28328
Buncombe	Asheville	28801	Scotland	Laurinburg	28352
Burke	Morganton	28655	Stanly	Albemarle	28001
Cabarrus	Concord	28025	Stokes	Danbury	27016
Caldwell	Lenoir	28645	Surry	Dobson	27017
Camden	Camden	27921	Swan	Bryson City	28718
Carteret	Beaufort	28516	Swan Transylvania	Brevard	28712
Caswell	Yanceyville	27879		Columbia	27925
Catawba	Newton	28658	Tyrrell Union	Monroe	28110
Chatham	Pittsboro	27812		Henderson	27536
Cherokee	Murphy	28096	Vance Wake	Raleigh	27602
Chowan	Edenton	27932		Warrenton	27589
Clay	Hayesville	28904	Warren	Plymouth	27962
Cleveland	Shelby	28150	Washington	Boone	28607
Columbus	Whiteville	28472	Watauga	Goldsboro	27580
Craven	New Bern	28560	Wayne	Wilkesboro	28697
Cumberland	Fayetteville	28302	Wilkes		27898
Currituck	Currituck	27929	Wilson	Wilson Yadkinville	27055
Dare	Manteo	27954	Yadkin		28714
Davidson	Lexington	27292	Yancey	Burnsville	20114

County Seat

Zip Code

### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may register absentee in North Carolina:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. disabled war veterans in United States government hospitals.
  - d. civilians attached to and serving with the Armed Forces outside of the United
    - e. members of the Peace Corps, and
    - f. Overseas Citizens.
  - 2. All other persons must register in person.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraph B1 may use one (1) Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to accomplish registration and to request an absentee ballot. These persons may also, as an alternative to using an FPCA, send a written request to their County Board of Elections, requesting registration and an absentee ballot. The County Board of Elections will record the names of those persons and that record shall constitute absentee registration.

Persons listed in paragraph B1 may also accomplish registration by completing the county absentee registration form available from the County Board of Elections.

The request for absentee registration and an absentee ballot may be made at any time before the election. Persons should consider normal mailing time when applying for registration and an absentee ballot to insure enough time is available to request, receive, vote and return the ballot before the close of polls on election day.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony in North Carolina or of a crime which would be a felony in North Carolina may not register or vote while serving a sentence for such conviction. A convicted felon may become eligible to register and vote after his sentence has been completely satisfied. (This means he cannot be on probation or parole). Persons seeking restoration of their

citizenship and voting rights in North Carolina should contact their local legal officer or civilian counsel.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

Any voter who neither voted in the first nor the second of the two most recent consecutive presidential elections and who failed to vote in any other election conducted in the period between the two presidential elections shall be purged form the registration rolls.

### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

North Carolina does not permit registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's request for registration is denied, that person should provide the information requested in the notice of denial. If a second denial is received, that person should seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer, legal officer or civilian counsel.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

An application for an absentee ballot shall constitute a valid request for registration by those persons listed in paragraph IB. Within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the request the Board of Elections shall notify the person if the request is denied.

## II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The following persons may vote absentee in North Carolina:
- 1. Residents of the state who will be absent from the county during the period when the polls are open,
  - 2. Overseas Citizens.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the County Board of Elections, county of voting residence.
- C. The procedures for requesting absentee ballots vary depending upon the category of absentee voter to which a person belongs.
- D. The following persons may use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot:

- members of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- 2. The Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents when outside of the county of voting residence,
- 3. civilians attached to and serving with the Armed Forces outside of the United States; and members of the Peace Corps, and
  - 4. Overseas Citizens.
- E. All other persons must use the "Application for Absentee Ballots" form. This form may be requested in person, by mail or by a spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child or grandchild. The "Application for Absentee Ballots" will not be mailed earlier than 60 days before the election.
- F. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they have been printed and are available approximately 30 days before election.
- G. Absentee ballots must be voted and returned to the County Board of Elections' office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the primary or general election to be counted. Ballots received later than 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

#### III Oath

- 1. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) used as the application for absentee ballot and as the absentee registration form, and the ballot return envelope used by members of the Armed Forces must be sworn to. The ballot return envelope used by members of the Armed Forces must be witnessed.
- 2. The ballot return envelope used by all absentee voters other than, (1) members of the Armed Forces and, (2) Overseas Citizens must

be sworn to. Overseas Citizens must complete the Affidavit form sent with the absentee ballot; the oath on this Affidavit form is self-administered.

## IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. North Carolina requires that a person complete all FPCA items when using the FPCA as a request for both regulation and an absentee ballot.
- B. A separate request is required for a ballot for each election—except that the request for an absentee ballot for a primary election may also be used to request a ballot for the run-off primary if this is so noted on the request.
- C. Persons listed in paragraph B1 may use a single FPCA to simultaneously register and request an absentee ballot.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person lived in the county in North Carolina in which the persons desires to vote.
- E. EPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- F. FPCA item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which a ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. When requesting the primary election ballot the person should also write in that they are requesting a ballot for a run-off election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to list a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# **North Dakota**

# I Absentee Registration

North Dakota does not require registration for any Federal or State election.

Certain cities may require registration for city elections and the County Auditor will so notify the voter when application is made for an absentee ballot.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a North Dakota resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of North Dakota but who was last domiciled in North Dakota immediately prior to departure and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the County Auditor, county of voting residence at the address listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Hettinger	58689
Rarnes	Valley City	58072
Benson	Minnewaukan	58851
Billings	Medora	58645
Bottineau	Bottineau	58818
Bowman	Bowman	58628
Burke	Bowbells	58721
Burleigh	Bismarck	58501
Cass	Fargo	58102
Cavalier	Langdon	58249
Dickey	Ellendale	58486
Divide	Croeby	58780
Dunn	Manning	58642
Eddy	New Rockford	58856
Emmons	Linton	58552
Foster	Carrington	58421
Golden Valley	Beach	58621
Grand Forks	Grand Forks	58201
Grant	Carson	58529
Griggs	Cooperstown	58425
Hettinger	Mott	58646
Kidder	Steele	58482
La Moure	La Moure	58458
Logan	Napoleon	58561
Mc Henry	Towner	58788
Mc Intosh	Ashley	58418
Mc Kensie	Watford City	58854
Mc Lean	Washburn	58577
Mercer	Stanton	58571
Morton	Mandan	58554
Mountrail	Stanley	58784
Nelson	Lakota	58344

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Oliver	Center	58580
Pembina	Cavalier	58220
Pierce	Rugby	58368
Ramsey	Devils Lake	58801
Ransom	Liebon	58054
Renville	Mohall	58761
Richland	Wahpeton	58075
Rolette	Rolla	58867
Sargent	Forman	58082
Sheridan	Mc Clusky	58463
Sioux	Fort Yates	58538
Slope	Amidon	58620
Stark	Dickinson	58601
Steele	Finley	58230
Stutsman	Jamestown	58401
Towner	Cando	58324
Traill	Hillsboro	58045
Walsh	Grafton	58237
Ward	Minot	58701
Wells	Fessenden	58438
Williams	Willston	58801

- B. The following people may vote absentee in North Dakota:
  - 1. any person who will be out of the county of voting residence on the day of the election,
    - 2. Overseas Citizens.
- C. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) may be used to request an absentee ballot by members of the Armed Forces, the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, residents of North Dakota who are outside of the United States and Overseas Citizens. Once the initial request for absentee ballot has been made by persons in the military an absentee ballot will be sent as long as they continue to provide the County Auditor with their current mailing address.
- D. All other persons may use the county form for requesting absentee ballots.
- E. Requests for absentee ballots must be made not earlier than 45 days before the election.
- F. Ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- G. The voted ballot must be received by local election officials before the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

It is not required that the FPCA or the state absentee ballot request form or the absentee ballot return envelope be sworn to.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. North Dakota requires that a person complete all FPCA items except Items 8 and 16 when using the FPCA to request an absentee ballot.
- B. A separate request for an absentee ballot for each election in which a person wants to vote is required from all persons except persons in the military service.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person resided in the com-

munity in North Dakota in which the person desires to vote.

- D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.

# Ohio

# I Absentee Registration

Registration is conducted by the County Board of Elections in each county.

Registration is permanent; however, a person's name will be removed from the registration rolls for failure to vote in at least one election during the preceding 4 calendar years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Ohio, and includes Overseas Electors.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not qualify as a resident of the State of Ohio but who was last domiciled in Ohio immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Requests for absentee registration must be sent to the Director, County Board of Elections, in the county seat of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	West Union	45698
Allen	Lima	45801
Ashland	Ashland	44805
Ashtabula	Jefferson	44047
Athens	Athens	45701
Auglaise	Wapakoneta	45895
Belmont	Saint Clairsville	43950
Brown	Georgetown	45121
Butler	Hamilton	45011
Carroll	Carrollton	44615
Champaign	Urbana	48078
Clark	Springfield	45502
Clermont	Batavia	45108
Clinton	Wilmington	45177
Columbiana	Lisbon	44482
Coshocton	Coshocton	48812
Crawford	Bucyrus	44820
Cuyahoga	Cleveland	44114
Darke	Greenville	45381
Defiance	Defiance	43512
Delaware	Delaware	48015
Erie	Sandusky	44870
Fairfield	Lancaster	48180
Fayette	Washington C.H.	48160
Franklin	Columbus	43215
Fulton	Wauseon	48567
Gallia	Gallipolis	45681
Geauga	Chardon	44024
Greene	Xenia	45385

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Guernsey	Cambridge	48825
Hamilton	Cincinnati	45202
Hancock	Findlay	45840
Hardin	Kenton	48826
Harrison	Cadis	48907
Henry	Napoleon	48545
Highland	Hillsboro	45133
Hocking	Logan	43138
Holmes	Millersburg	44654
Huron	Norwalk	44857
Jackson	Jackson	45640
Jefferson	Steubenville	43952
Knox	Mount Vernon	48050
Lake	Painesville	44077
Lawrence	Ironton	45688
Licking	Newark	48055
Logan	Bellefontaine	48811
Lorain	Elyria	44085
Lucas	Toledo	48602
Madison	London	48140
Mahoning	Youngstown	44508
Marion	Marion	48802
Medina	Medina	44256
Meigs	Pomeroy	45769
Mercer	Celina	45822
Miami	Troy	45878
Monroe	Woodsfield	45798
Montgomery	Dayton	45402
Morgan	McConnelsville	48756
Morrow	Mount Gilead	48888
Muskingum	Zanesville	48701
Noble	Caldwell	48724
Ottawa	Port Clinton	48452
Paulding	Paulding	45879
Perry	New Lexington	48764
Pickaway	Circleville	48118
Pike	Waverly	45690
Portage	Ravenna	44266
Preble	Eaton	45820
Putnam	Ottawa	45875
Richland	Mansfield	44902
Ross	Chillicothe	45601
Sandusky	Fremont	48420
Scioto	Portsmouth	45662
Seneca	Tiffin	44888
Shelby	Sidney	45365
Stark	Canton	44702
Summit	Akron	44808
Trumbull	Warren	44488
Tuscarawas	New Philadelphia	44668
Union	Marysville	48040
Van Wert	Van Wert	45891
Vinton	Mc Arthur	45651
Warren	Lebanon	45086
Washington	Marietta	45750
Wayne	Wooster	44691
Williams	Bryan	48506
Wood	Bowling Green	48402
Wyandot	Upper Sandusky	43351

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Any person qualified to register in Ohio may register absentee.
- 2. Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses are not required to register in order to vote while on active duty; however, they may do so if they desire.

## C. Registration Procedures

- 1. A single FPCA will be accepted as the registration form and ballot request when used by any of the following persons:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses or dependents.
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. residents of the State of Ohio who are temporarily outside of the United States, and
    - d. Overseas Citizens.
- 2. All persons, including those listed above, except Overseas Citizens, desiring to register absentee in Ohio may do so on the county registration form. This form may be requested in writing, by phone, in person or through another person.
- 3. The FPCA used as a registration form or the county registration form must be received before the close of registration—30 days before any general, primary or special election.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

There are no bars to registering and voting in Ohio.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Failure to vote at least once during a 4 year period will result in the removal of a person's name from the registration rolls.

## F. Application for Registration by Proxy

Ohio does not permit registration by proxy. However, any person may request a county registration form on behalf of another person.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

- 1. If a person's application for registration is denied, a request for reconsideration should be submitted to the Director of the Board of Elections.
- 2. If a second denial is returned, the person should seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer, or civilian counsel.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the Board of Elections has reviewed the application for registration, it will notify the person either that the registration was accepted or that the registration was rejected, the reasons for the rejection, and what must be done to correct the deficiency. This notice will be in the form of a nonforwardable letter.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Any person who will be absent from the county of voting residence on election day may vote by absentee ballot.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be made to the Director of the Board of Elections at the county seat of the county of voting residence.
- C. The request for an absentee ballot may be made on the FPCA or any other written request signed by the applicant which identifies the person, voting address, the election for which the ballot is being requested, and the person's political party affiliation if the request is for a primary election.
- D. Ohio permits the following to request that an absentee ballot be sent to a member of the Armed Forces or their spouse: father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or sister, son, daughter, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the voter.
- E. The request for an absentee ballot must be received not earlier than 120 days before the election if the person is outside of the United States and not earlier than 90 days before the election if the person is in the United States. However, members of the Armed Forces may request absentee ballots not earlier than January 1 of the year of election.
- F. A separate FPCA request for an absentee ballot is required for each election.
- G. Voted ballots must be received before the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

The FPCA, state form for requesting an absentee ballot, and absentee ballot return envelope do not have to be sworn to.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. A single FPCA may be used as a simultaneous request for registration and an absentee ballot for one election by members of the Armed Forces and their spouses who desire to register, members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, residents of the State of Ohio who are temporarily outside of the United States, and Overseas Citizens.

B. Ohio requires that a person complete FPCA Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15 when using the FPCA to request both registration and an absentee ballot.

C. FPCA Item 2: Should be the complete

address where the person lived in the community in Ohio in which the person desires to vote.

D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.

E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person receiving a ballot only for the first election occurring after the request is received.

F. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# Oklahoma

# Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Secretary of the County Election Board. Persons currently registered need not register again unless they have failed to vote at least once during the last 4 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Oklahoma or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Oklahoma but who was last domiciled in Oklahoma immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Applications for registration waiver and absentee ballots should be sent to the Secretary of the County Election Board, county of voting residence at the applicable address listed below:

	County Seat	Zip Code
County	Stillwell	74960
Adair	Cherokee	78728
Alfalfa	Atoka	74525
Atoka		78982
Beaver	Beaver	73662
Beckham	Sayre	78772
Blaine	Watonga	74701
Bryan	Durant	78005
Caddo	Anadarko	78086
Canadian	El Reno	78401
Carter	Ardmore	74464
Cherokee	Tahlequah	74748
Choctaw	Hugo	78988
Cimarron	Boine City	78069
Cleveland	Norman	74588
Coal	Coalgate	72501
Comanche	Lawton	78572
Cotton	Walters	74801
Craig	Vinita	74066
Creek	Sapulpa	78620
Custer	Arapaho	74846
Delaware	Jay	78667
Dewey	Taloga	72822
Ellis	Arnett	78701
Garfield	Enid	72075
Garvin	Pauls Valley	78018
Grady	Chickasha	78759
Grant	Medford	78554
Greer	Mangum	78550
Harmon	Hollis	78884
Harner	Buffalo	74462
Haskell	Stigler	74402
Hughes	Holdenville	74545
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G	County Seat	Zip Code
County	Altus	78521
Jackson	Waurika	78578
Jefferson	Tishomingo	78460
Johnston	Newkirk	74647
Kay	Kingfisher	78750
Kingfisher	Hobart	78651
Kiowa	Wilburton	74578
Latimer	Poteau	74958
Le Flore	Chandler	74834
Lincoln	Guthrie	78044
Logan	Marietta	78448
Love	Purcell	78080
Mc Clain	Idabel	74745
Mc Curtain	Eufaula	74482
Mc Intosh	Fairview	78787
Major	Madill	78446
Marshall	Prvor	74861
Mayes	Sulphur	78086
Murray	Muskogee	74401
Muskogee	Perry	78077
Noble	Nowata	74048
Nowata	Okemah	74859
Okfuskee	Oklahoma City	78102
Oklahoma	Okmulgee	74447
Okmulgee	Pawhuska	74056
Osage	Miami	74854
Ottawa	Pawnee	74058
Pawnee	Stillwater	74074
Payne	McAlester	74501
Pittsburg	Ada	74820
Pontotoc	Shawnee	74801
Pottawatomie	Antlers	74528
Pushmataha	Chevenne	78628
Roger Mills	Claremore	74017
Rogers	Wawoka	74884
Seminole	Sallisaw	74955
Sequoyah	Duncan	78588
Stephens	Guymon	78942
Texas	Frederick	78542
Tillman	Tulsa	74108
Tulsa	Wagoner	74467
Wagoner	Bartlesville	74008
Washington	Cordell	78682
Washita	Alva	78717
Woods Woodward	Woodward	78801
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# B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Persons in the following categories who are absent from their place of residence may request registration waiver and absentee ballots by mail:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine,
  - c. U.S. citizens temporarily residing outside the United States and the District of Columbia,
  - d. spouses or officially accredited dependents of the above when absent from their place of residence.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories and not now claiming Oklahoma as their domicile or residence may apply by mail for registration waiver and vote by absentee

ballot in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA), if they last resided in Oklahoma immediately before departing the United States and are now overseas. All other persons must register in person in order to vote.

## C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may request a waiver of registration by sending a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Secretary of the County Election Board, county of voting residence, to arrive not later than the Wednesday preceding an election.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony and currently incarcerated or persons found to be mentally incompetent by a court may not register and vote in Oklahoma. Persons seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact their legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled for failure to vote in a primary, special or general election during the preceding 8 years.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Oklahoma has no provision for application for registration or absentee ballot by proxy.

## G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Persons who are required to register will be advised if their registration is denied. If this occurs the person should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

Upon completion of registration for those persons who must register, the County Election Board will issue a voter identification card. Such a card will not be issued to voters for whom registration is waived.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section 1, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the Secretary of the County Board of Elections, county of voting residence.
- B. One (1) FPCA serves simultaneously as a request for registration waiver and as an absentee ballot application. An FPCA used for this dual purpose must reach the Secretary no later than 5 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding an election.
- C. One (1) FPCA may be used to request ballots for both the primary and general elections for that calendar year.
- D. The Secretary of the County Board of Elections should normally be able to forward absentee ballots as early as 30 days before an election. You should apply at the onset of the 30 days period to ensure sufficient time for mailing, completion, and return of ballot.
- E. Completed absentee ballots must reach the Secretary of the County Board of Elections by the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

Oklahoma does not require that an FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. However, the absentee ballot return envelope must be executed pursuant to oath.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Oklahoma requires completion of all FPCA items except Items 5(e) and 16 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which that person wishes to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: A single FPCA may be submitted to request ballots for both the primary and general elections for that calendar year. Persons should circle FPCA Items 7(a), (c) if both ballots are being requested.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.

# Oregon

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Oregon or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Oregon but who was last domiciled in Oregon immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the County Clerk, county of residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Baker	Baker	97814
Benton	Corvallis	97880
Clackamas	Oregon City	97045
Clatsop	Astoria	97108
Columbia	Saint Helens	97051
Coos	Coquille	97428
Crook	Princeville	97754
Curry	Gold Beach	97444
Deschutes	Bend	97701
Douglas	Roseburg	97470
Gilliam	Condon	97828
Grant	Canyon City	97820
Harney	Burns	97720
Hood River	Hood River	97081
Jackson	Medford	97501
Jefferson	Madras	97741
Josephine	Grants Pass	97526
Klamath	Klamath Falls	97601
Lake	Lakeview	97680
Lane	Eugene	97401
Lincoln	Newport	97865
Linn	Albeny	97821
Malheur	Vale	97918
Marion	Salem	97801
Morrow	Heppner	97836
Multnomah	Portland	97204
Polk	Dallas	97888
Sherman	Moro	97089
Tillamook	Tillamook	97141
Umatilla	Pendleton	97801
Union	La Grande	97850
Wallowa	Enterprise	97828
Wasco	The Dalles	97058
Washington	Hillsboro	97128
Wheeler	Fossil	97830
Yambill	McMinnville	97128

## B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for temporary registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and their spouses and dependents residing with or accompanying them.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Oregon immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

## C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraph B above, may apply for temporary registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Clerk, county of voting residence, to reach the Clerk not earlier than 60 days before the election and not later than 8 p.m. the day of the election. If the FPCA is received after the 5th day before an election, the absentee ballot will not be mailed for that election. The ballot will be available, however, at the Office of the County Clerk. The completed and signed statement on the ballot envelope constitutes temporary registration for the election in which the ballot is submitted.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons adjudged mentally incompetent and involuntarily confined as well as persons convicted of a felony and currently imprisoned are barred from registering and voting.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

No person's permanent registration shall be cancelled during any period of service in the Armed Forces of the United States or of any ally of the United States. Permanent registration is not cancelled for failure to vote in any previous election.

### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Oregon does not allow request for ballot by proxy; however, any person may obtain for another person a state form for registration.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

A person refused registration may appeal. Such a person should seek the assistance of a higher legal officer, or civilian counsel.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

A person will be temporarily registered for each election when the County Clerk receives a completed signed absentee ballot envelope and the person is found qualified to vote.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The persons listed in Section I, paragraph B above, may apply for an absen ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- B. A single FPCA may be submitted to simultaneously request both temporary registration and an absentee ballot.
- C. All persons applying for an absentee ballot must submit their FPCAs in time to reach the County Clerk not earlier than 60 days before the first election in which the person wishes to vote during the year and not later than 8 p.m. on the day of that election. If the FPCA is received after the 5th day before an election, the absentee ballot will not be mailed for that election. The ballot will be available, however, at the Office of the County Clerk.

- D. A single FPCA may be used to request absentee ballots for all elections for which a person is qualified to vote during that calendar year.
- E. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as printed and available—approximately 30 days before the election. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering that the closer to the date of the election a request is submitted the less time will be available to receive and return the ballot.
- F. Voted ballots must reach election officials by the close of polls on election day.

## III Oath

Oregon does not require that the FPCAs used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, or absentee ballot return envelopes be completed pursuant to notarized or witnessed oath. However, in all instances indicated above, the document is executed by the voters subject to penalty of perjury.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Oregon requires completion of FPCA Items 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which they wish to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: A single FPCA may be used to request absentee ballots for all elections for which a person is qualified to vote during that calendar year. Persons should circle the election(s) for which an absentee ballot is requested.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.

# Pennsylvania

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Board of Election in each county. Registration is permanent provided a person votes once every two years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Pennsylvania resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not qualify as a resident of the State of Pennsylvania but who was last domiciled in Pennsylvania immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Applications for registration should be submitted to the County Board of Election at the county seat of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Gettysburg	17825
Allegheny	Pittsburgh	15219
Armstrong	Kittanning	16201
Beaver	Beaver	15009
Bedford	Bedford	15522
Berks	Reading	19601
Blair	Hollidaysburg	16648
Bradford	Towanda	18848
Bucks	Doylestown	18901
Butler	Butler	16001
Cambria	Ebensburg	15981
Cameron	Emporium	15884
Carbon	Jim Thorpe	18229
Centre	Bellefonte	16828
Chester	West Chester	19380
Clarion	Clarion	16214
Clearfield	Clearfield	16880
Clinton	Lock Haven	17745
Columbia	Bloomsburg	17815
Crawford	Mea dville	16885
Cumberland	Carlisle	17013
Dauphin	Harrisburg	17101
Delaware	Media	19068
Elk	Ridgeway	15858
Erie	Erie	16501
Fayette	Uniontown	15401
Forest	Tionesta	16858
Franklin	Chambersburg	17201
Fulton	McConnellaburg	17288
Greene	Waynesburg	15870
Huntingdon	Huntingdon	16652
Indiana	Indiana	15701

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Jefferson	Brookville	15825
Juniata	Mifflintown	17059
Lackawanna	Scranton	18503
Lancaster	Lancaster	17602
Lawrence	New Castle	16101
Lebanon	Lebanon	17042
Lehigh	Allentown	18105
Luzerne	Wilkes-Barre	18711
Lycoming	Williamsport	17701
McKean	Smethport	16749
Mercer	Mercer	16137
Mifflin	Lewistown	17044
Monroe	Stroudsburg	18360
Montgomery	Norristown	19404
Montour	Danville	17821
Northampton	Easton	18042
Northumberland	Sunbury	17801
Perry	New Bloomfield	17068
Philadelphia	Philadelphia	19107
Pike	Milford	18337
Potter	Coudersport	16915
Schuylkill	Pottsville	17901
Snyder	Middleburg	17842
Somerset	Somerset	15501
Sullivan	Laporte	18626
Susquehanna	Montrose	18801
Tioga	Wellsboro	16901
Union	Lewisburg	17837
Venango	Franklin	16823
Warren	Warren	16365
Washington	Washington	15301
Wayne	Honesdate	18431
Westmoreland	Greensburg	15601
Wyoming	Tunkhannock	18657
York	York	17401

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Members of the military service are not required to be registered in order to vote in Pennsylvania.
- 2. All other residents of Pennsylvania and Overseas Citizens may register absentee.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Absentee registration procedures vary in Pennsylvania, depending upon the category of voter.
- 2. All residents of Pennsylvania who must register may use the official state mail registration card as the registration form.
- 3. Overseas Citizens are not required to use the state mail registration card; they may use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register and as a request for an absentee ballot. The FPCA must be received not later than 30 days before the election.
- 4. Members of the Armed Forces, though not required to register, are required under Pennsylvania election procedures to use the mail

registration card to specify the length of their residence in Pennsylvania. This card will be mailed with the absentee ballot and should be returned to the Board of Election with the absentee ballot.

- 5. Members of the Merchant Marine, their spouses and dependents, spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces, and residents of Pennsylvania who are overseas may use a single FPCA to request the state mail registration card and an absentee ballot.
- 6. The mail registration card used by these persons must be returned to the County Board of Elections before the close of registration—thirty (30) days before the election. The mail registration card may be requested by any writing other than an FPCA. However, if the FPCA is not used then another separate request must be made for the absentee ballot.

Note: The 30-day registration deadline does not apply to members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine or their spouses or dependents.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

- 1. Incarcerated felons may not register or vote in Pennsylvania.
- 2. Persons seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

## E. Application for Registration by Proxy

Pennsylvania has no provision for requesting registration by proxy.

# F. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

- 1. If a person's request for registration is rejected, the person should resubmit the request for registration correcting the deficiencies noted in the Notice of Rejection.
- 2. If a second rejection is received then the person should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

## G. State Action on Registration Requests

- 1. Persons will be sent a registration card when their registration has been processed.
  - 2. In the event the request for registration

has been rejected the person will be notified of this fact and the reason for the rejection.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The following persons may vote by absentee ballot in Pennsylvania:
  - 1. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - 2. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - 3. residents of Pennsylvania who will be absent from their county of voting residence on election day on account of their duties, occupation, or business,
    - 4. Overseas Citizens.
- B. The following people may use an FPCA to request an absentee ballot:
  - 1. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - 2. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - 3. residents of the State of Pennsylvania who are outside of the United States,
    - 4. Overseas Citizens.
- C. Absentee voters not listed in Section II, paragraph B above, must use the official County Board of Election Form to request an absentee ballot. This form may be obtained in person or by writing the County Board of Elections in the county of voting residence.
- D. Requests for absentee ballots must be received not later than the Tuesday preceding the election.
- E. Ballots will be mailed as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 14 days before the election.
- F. In order for the full ballot to be counted it must be received not later than the Friday before the election. Ballots for Federal officials will be counted if received up to the close of polls on election day.

# III Oath

The FPCA used to request the mail registration form and the absentee ballot does not have to be sworn to.

The declaration contained on the mail registration card and on the absentee ballot return envelope may be self-executed.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Pennsylvania requires that a person complete FPCA items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 15 when using the FPCA to request a registration form and/or an absentee ballot.
- B. A separate request for an absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. A single FPCA may be used by members of the Armed Forces, the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, residents of Pennsylvania outside the United States because of their occupation, and Overseas Citizens as a request for registration forms and an absentee ballot.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address where the person lived in the county in

Pennsylvania in which the person desires to vote.

- E. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate request must be made for a ballot for each election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party preference will result in a person not receiving a primary ballot.

# **Puerto Rico**

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Commonwealth Election Commission. Once registered, persons need not register again other than to submit a current voter's picture after a period of 12 years and to renew registration every 20 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Puerto Rico or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico but who was last domiciled in Puerto Rico immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the Secretary, Commonwealth Elections Commission, P.O. Box 2208, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00903.

## B. Who May Register Absentee

Persons in the following categories may register and request an absentee ballot by mail:

- 1. members of the Armed Forces serving outside of Puerto Rico and their spouses and dependents,
- 2. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
- 3. students studying outside of Puerto Rico, who are members of accredited educational institutions,
- 4. persons outside of Puerto Rico because of employment.
- 5. spouses and dependents of the above who are living with them,
- 6. members of the Police of Puerto Rico and the municipal guard in active service, who, on election day, are not on regular or sick or disability leave.
  - 7. overseas electors may register and vote

in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Puerto Rico immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

## C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraph B above, may apply for a Commonwealth of Puerto Rico registration form by mailing a completed Federal Post Card Application to the Secretary, Commonwealth Elections Commission. Registration in Puerto Rico closes 60 days before the election. Persons must return the local form and complete the absentee registration process not later than 60 days in advance of the election in which a person wishes to vote.

## D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons declared by a court to be unqualified to vote shall not be entitled to vote even though they are registered electors.

An individual seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact his legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration in Puerto Rico will be cancelled if a qualified absentee voter fails to request a ballot or vote absentee in a general election.

#### F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Puerto Rico has no provision for registration and ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied, he may appeal. Such a person should seek the assistance of his legal officer or civilian counsel in asserting his voting rights.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

Puerto Rico does not notify the absentee applicant as to whether the request for registration has been granted.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, may, after they have registered, apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a separate completed FPCA to the Secretary, Commonwealth Election Commission.
- B. The FPCA must be received by the Election Commission not later than September 1, before a general election and not less than 60 days before any other election.
- C. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 30 days before the election.
- D. Voted ballots must be received by the election officials not less than 5 days before the election.

# III Oath

Puerto Rico requires that an FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Registration Form and the absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Puerto Rico requires completion of all

FPCA items in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.

- B. Once registered, a separate FPCA must be submitted to request an absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 1: Puerto Rico requests that both mother's and father's family name be provided.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the individual lived.
- E. FPCA Item 6: Puerto Rico requests that the first name of the applicant's father and mother be included under this item in addition to the information called for in this item.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA must be submitted to obtain a ballot for each election.
- G. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- H. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, an authorized U.S. commission officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# Rhode Island

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Board of Canvassers and Registration. Persons currently registered need not register again unless they have failed to vote at least once during the last 5 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Rhode Island or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Rhode Island but who was last domiciled in Rhode Island immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

A completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) should be sent to the local Board of Canvassers and Registration, city or town of voting residence.

## B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Persons in the following categories who are absent from their place of residence are exempted from registration and may apply by mail for registration waiver and an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. any members of the Armed Forces or the Merchant Marine of the United States in active service.
  - b. any person absent from the state in the performance of services intimately connected with military operations to include members of religious groups or welfare agencies assisting members of the armed forces, who are officially attached to and serving with the armed forces, and their spouses and dependents, and the spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces and Merchant Marine; provided, however, that such spouses

and dependents must be residing outside of the state with such members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or members of such religious or welfare agencies.

2. U. S. citizens not covered by any of the above categories and not now claiming Rhode Island as their domicile or residence may register and vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Rhode Island before departing the United States and are now overseas.

## C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1, may accomplish registration waiver by sending a completed FPCA to the Board of Canvassers and Registration city/town of voting residence. One (1) FPCA serves to simultaneously accomplish both registration waiver and as a request for an absentee ballot. The FPCA must reach the board no later than 21 days before an election.
- 2. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B2, may apply for the State Affidavit of Registration along with local registration forms by sending a completed FPCA to their local Board of Canvassers and Registration, city or town of voting residence. When the affidavit and local forms are returned the Board will forward registration cards to the voter. These cards must be executed by the voter and returned to the Board. Upon receipt by the local Board of the executed registration cards the voter is registered. The Board will then automatically forward a state ballot request form to the voter.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of an offense resulting in serving a prison sentence are barred from registering and voting. The request for restoration of civil rights, along with the right to vote, should be sent to a member of the Legislature, State of Rhode Island, State House, Providence, R.I., 02903, reqesting that voting rights be restored by an act of the General Assembly.

## E. Cancellation of Registration

There is a provision in Rhode Island for cancellation of registration for failure to vote in 5 years. Persons are also stricken from the voting list when there is sworn proof that they are not qualified electors.

## F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

There are no provisions for registering or obtaining a ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person is denied registration an appeal may be brought. Such a person should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

### H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the Board receives a completed FPCA from a person listed in Section I, paragraph B1, or a completed State Affidavit and registration forms and the executed registration cards from persons listed in Section I, paragraph B2, the Board will review these documents and, if the person is found to be a qualified elector, the Board will forward an absentee ballot to that person.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. The persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the appropriate Board. A single FPCA submitted by these persons serves simultaneously to accomplish registration waiver and to request an absentee ballot. The FPCA must reach the Board no later than 21 days before an election.

B. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B2, may apply for a state ballot request form by submitting a completed FPCA to their local Board of Canvassers and Registration. The completed state ballot request form, which must reach the local Board not later than 21 days be-

fore an election, serves as a request for an absentee ballot.

C. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person listed in Section I, paragraph B1, wants to vote. A separate FPCA and state ballot request form must be submitted for each election in which a person listed in Section I, paragraph B2, wants to vote.

D. The Board should normally be able to forward absentee ballots as early as 21 days before an election.

E. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Board no later than the close of polls, 9 p.m. on election day. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return your absentee ballot.

# III Oath

Rhode Island requires that the FPCA, the State Affidavit for Absentee Voter Registration, the state ballot request form, and the absentee ballot return envelope must all be executed pursuant to oath.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Rhode Island requires completion of all FPCA items, except Items 5 and 6, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration, waive state registration forms or an absentee ballot.

B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete mailing address, including number and street, where the person lived in the county in which the person wants to vote.

C. FPCA Item (7d): Circling "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for that election.

D. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated on the FPCA when requesting a ballot for a primary election.

E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn to before a notary, authorized by U. S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# **South Carolina**

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Board of Registration in each county in South Carolina.

Absentee registration is temporary in South Carolina. A person must register each year to vote in elections to be held during that year. In-person registration is permanent provided a person votes once every 2 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a South Carolina resident and includes Overseas

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will attain the age of 18 by the date of an election and who was last domiciled in South Carolina immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

## A. Where to Apply

Applications for registration should be submitted to the **Board of Registration** at the county seat of the county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Abbeville	Abbeville	19620
Aiken	Aiken	29801
Allendale	Allendale	29810
Anderson	Anderson	29621
Bamberg	Bamberg	19008
Barnwell	Barnwell	29812
Beaufort	Beaufort	29902
Berkeley	Moncks Corner	29461
Calhoun	Saint Matthews	29185
Charleston	Charleston	29401
Cherokee	Geffney	29840
Chester	Chester	29706
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	19709
Clarendon	Manning	29102
Colleton	Walterboro	29488
Darlington	Darlington	19532
Dillon	Dillon	29534
Dorchester	Saint George	29477
Edgefield	Edgefield	29824
Fairfield	Winnaboro	29180
Florence	Florence	29501
Georgetown	Georgetown	29440
Greenville	Greenville	29601
Greenwood	Green wood	19646
Hampton	Hampton	29924
Horry	Conway	29526
Jasper	Ridgeland	29936
Kershaw	Camden	29020
Lancaster	Lancaster	20720

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Laurens	Laurens	29860
Lee	Bishopville	29010
Lexington	Lexington	29072
McCormick	McCormick	29835
Marion	Marion	29871
Marlboro	Bennettsville	29512
Newberry	Newberry	29108
Oconee	Walhalia	29691
Orangeburg	Orangeburg	29118
Pickens	Pickens	29671
Richland	Columbia	29201
Saluda	Saluda	29188
Spartanburg	Spartanburg	29201
Sumter	Sumter	29150
Union	Union	29879
Williamsburg	Kingstree	29556
York	York	29745

## B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may register absentee in South Carolina:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses and dependents;
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents;
  - c. employees of any department of the United States government serving overseas;
  - d. persons serving with the American Red Cross or the United States Service Organizations attached to and serving with the Armed Forces of the United States outside of the county of his/her residence in South Carolina:
  - e. students attending an institution of learning outside their county of residence;
  - f. spouses and dependents residing with any of the categories above;
    - g. Overseas Citizens;
  - h. persons whose employment is out of state, and their spouses and dependents when residing with them.

#### C. Registration Procedures

1. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) may be used as the registration form by members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, and by Overseas Citizens. A state "Absentee Registration Card" may be used in lieu of the FPCA as a registration form. All other persons must use the "Absentee Registration Card."

- 2. The FPCA used as the registration form will also have to be treated as a request for an absentee ballot.
- 3. The FPCA or the Absentee Registration Card—whichever is used—must be completed and returned to the Board of Registration before the close of registration—30 days before the election.
- 4. A person desiring to register in person should contact the Board of Registration.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

- 1. Persons convicted of a felony or offenses against the election laws shall be disqualified from being registered or voting, unless such disqualification shall have been removed by service of the sentence, including probation and parole time, unless sooner pardoned.
- 2. An individual seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

- 1. Temporary registration is cancelled at the end of each calendar year.
- 2. Permanent registration may be cancelled when a person changes voting residence or commits a disenfranchising crime.

# F. Application for Registration by Proxy

South Carolina has no provision for registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

- 1. If a person's application for registration is denied, the defects noted in the registration application denial should be corrected.
- 2. If a second denial is received the person should seek assistance from a legal officer or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

The Board of Registration will notify the voter of the action it takes on the application for registration.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. Persons who may register absentee as listed in paragraph 1B may vote absentee in South Carolina:

Persons who will be out of their county on election day because of employment, being a student, on vacation or serving in the profession of ministry, teaching and medicine.

- B. There are 2 methods for requesting an absentee ballot in South Carolina. The category of absentee voter to which a person belongs determines which method should be used.
  - 1. Members of the Armed Forces, the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, and Overseas Citizens using the FPCA to request the "State Registration Card" will also receive an absentee ballot, when available, for the first election, when they have returned the "State Registration Card" to complete registration.
  - 2. All other persons voting absentee, except those persons outside of the state due to employment, must use the state absentee ballot request form entitled "Application for Absentee Ballot." This form may be requested in person or in writing. Those persons who will be out of the state due to employment must request their absentee ballot in person.
- C. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Commissioners of Elections, at the county seat of voting residence. Requests for absentee ballots which are not used to request state registration forms must be received not earlier than 45 days and not later than 3 days before an election.
- D. A separate FPCA must be used to request an absentee ballot for election.
- E. Absentee ballots will be mailed as early as 21 days before the election.
- F. Voted ballots must be returned in time to be received by election officials by the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

The FPCA used to request the state registration form and absentee ballot, and the state form used to request an absentee ballot do not have to be sworn to.

The form of "oath" which accompanies the

absentee ballot must be witnessed but does not have to be sworn to.

- A. South Carolina requires that a person complete FPCA Items 1-15 when using the FPCA as the registration form and when using the FPCA as the request for absentee ballot.
- B. A single FPCA may be used by members of the Armed Forces, members of the Merchant Marine and Overseas Citizens to request both the "Absentee Registration Card" and an absentee ballot.
- C. FPCA Item 2: The complete address where the person lived in the county in South Carolina in which the person desires to vote.

- D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA or other ballot request form must be used to request an absentee ballot for each election.
- F. Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# **South Dakota**

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Auditor. Persons currently registered need not register again unless they have failed to vote at least once in the preceding 4 years, changed residence from one voting precinct to another, or changed political party affiliation.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of South Dakota or an Overseas Elector

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the state of South Dakota but who was last domiciled in South Dakota immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

### A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the County Auditor, county of voting residence at the county seat as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Auora	Plankinton	57868
Beadle	Huron	57850
Bennett	Martin	57551
Bon Homme	Tyndall	57066
Brookings	Brookings	57008
Brown	Aberdeen	57401
Brule	Chamberlain	57825
Buffalo	Gannvalley	57841
Butte	Belle Fourche	57717
Campbell	Mound City	57646
Charles Mix	Lake Andes	57356
Clark	Clark	57225
Clay	Vermillion	87069
Codington	Watertown	57201
Corson	McIntosh	57641
Custer	Custer	57780
Davison	Mitchell	57801
Day	Webster	57274
Deuel	Clear Lake	57226
Dewey	Timber Lake	57656
Douglas	Armour	57818
Edmunds	Ipswich	57451
Fall River	Hot Springs	57747
Faulk	Faulkton	67488
Grant	Milbank	67252
Gregory	Burke	57528
Haakon	Philip	57567
Hamlin	Hayti	57241
Hand	Miller	57862
Hanson	Alexandria	57811
Harding	Buffalo	57720

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Hughes	Pierre	57501
Hutchinson	Olivet	57052
Hyde	Highmore	57845
Jackson	Kadoka	57548
Jerauld	Wessington Springs	57382
Jones	Murdo	57559
Kingsbury	De Smet	57281
Lake	Madison	57042
Lawrence	Deadwood	57782
Lincoln	Canton	57018
Lyman	Kennebec	57544
McCook	Salem	57058
McPherson	Leola	57456
Marshall	Britton	57480
Meade	Sturgis	57785
Mellette	White River	57579
Miner	Howard	57849
Minnehaha	Sioux Falls	57102
Moody	Flandreau	57028
Pennington	Rapid City	57701
Perkins	Bison	57620
Potter	Gettysburg	57442
Roberts	Sisseton	57262
Sanborn	Woonsocket	57885
Shannon (attached to Fall River County)		
Spink	Redfield	57469
Stanley	Fort Pierre	57582
Sully	Onida	57564
Todd (attached to Tripp County)		
Tripp	Winner	57580
Turner	Parker	57058
Union	Elk Point	57025
Walworth	Selby	57472
Yankton	Yankton	\$7078
Ziebach	Dupree	57628

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. U.S. citizens temporarily outside of the United States.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in South Dakota immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

# C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paargraphs B1 and B2 above, may permanently register by submitting

a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Auditor, county of voting residence. The FPCA must be received by the County Auditor not less than 15 days before the election. The person must note on the FPCA that registration is requested.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony and persons declared mentally incompetent by a court order are prohibited from registering and voting in South Dakota. A person seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's name will be removed from the registration rolls for failure to vote at least once in the preceding 4 years.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

South Dakota does not permit application for registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's application for registration is denied, the person will be notified of this fact and may appeal. Such a person should seek the assistance of a legal officer, or civilian counsel.

#### H. State Action on Registration Requests

If registration is by mail the person will be mailed a duplicate registration card by the County Auditor.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraphs B1 and B2, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Auditor, county of voting residence.

B. One (1) FPCA may serve as a simultaneous request for registration and for an absentee

ballot. When used for this dual purpose the FPCA must be received by the County Auditor not less than 15 days before the election.

- C. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which an absentee ballot is requested.
- D. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- E. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time, remembering the closer to the date of the election a request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.
- F. Voted ballots must be received by election officials by the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

South Dakota requires that FPCAs used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

- A. South Dakota requires completion of all FPCA items, except Items 4, 5, 6, and 13, in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which that person wishes to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a ballot is requested.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must in all cases be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# **Tennessee**

County

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Election Commission, county of voting residence

Registration is permanent, however, a person's name will be removed from the registration rolls for failure to vote at least once in 4 successive years, excluding the year of registration, or if a person's name or voting precinct is changed. Tennessee also has a procedure for temporary registration on an election by election basis.

Note: The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Tennessee resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has, or will have, attained the age of 18 years by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Tennessee but who was last domiciled in Tennessee immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Applications for absentee registration should be sent to County Election Commission, county seat, county of voting residence as listed below:

			Putnam
County	County Seat	Zip Code 87716	Rhea Roane
Bedford Bedford Benton Bledsoe Blount Bradley Campbell Cannon Carroll Carter Cheatham Chester Claiborne Clay Cocke Coffee Crockett Cumberland Davidson Decatur De Kalb Dickson Dyer	Clinton Shelbyville Camden Pikeville Maryville Cleveland Jacksboro Woodbury Huntingdon Elizabethton Ashland City Henderson Tasewell Celina Newport Manchester Alamo Crossville Nashville Decaturville Smithville Charlotte Dyersburg	87716 87160 88820 87367 87801 87811 87757 87190 88844 87643 87015 88840 87879 88551 87821 87855 88001 88555 87201 88829 87166 87036	Robertson Rutherford Scott Sequatchie Sevier Shelby Smith Stewart Sullivan Sumner Tipton Trousdale Unicoi Union Van Buren Warren Washington Wayne Weakley White Williamson Wilson

County	Somerville	88068
Fayette	Jamestown	38556
Fentress	Winchester	87898
Franklin	Trenton	88882
Gibson	Pulaksi	88478
Giles	Rutledge	87861
Grainger Greene	Greeneville	87748
Grundy	Altamont	87801 87814
Hamblen	Morristown	87402
Hamilton	Chattanooga	87869
Hancock	Sneedville	88008
Hardeman	Bolivar	88872
Hardin	Savannah Rogersville	87857
Hawkins	Brownsville	88012
Haywood	Lexington	38351
Henderson	Paris	88242
Henry	Centerville	87088
Hickman	Erin	87061
Houston	Waverly	87185
Humphreys Jackson	Gainesboro	38562
Jefferson	Dandridge	37725 37683
Johnson	Mountain City	87902
Knox	Knoxville	88079
Lake	Tiptonville	88068
Lauderdale	Ripley	88464
Lawrence	Lawrenceburg Hohenwald	38462
Lewis	Fayetteville	87884
Lincoln	Loudon	87774
Loudon	Athens	87808
McMinn	Selmer	38375
McNairy	Lafayette	87083
Macon Madison	Jackson	88801
Marion	Jasper	87847 87091
Marshall	Lewisburg	38401
Maury	Columbia	87822
Meigs	Decatur	87854
Monroe	Madisonville Clarksville	87040
Montgomery	Lynchburg	87852
Moore	Wartburg	87887
Morgan	Union City	88261
Obion	Livingston	88570
Overton	Linden	87096
Perry	Byrdstown	88549
Pickett Polk	Benton	87807 88501
Putnam	Cookeville	87321
Rhea	Dayton	87768
Roane	Kingston	87172
Robertson	Springfield Murfreesboro	87180
Rutherford	Huntaville	87756
Scott	Dunlap	87827
Sequatchie	Sevierville	27862
Sevier	Memphis	88101
Shelby	Carthage	87080
Smith	Dover	87058
Stewart	Blountville	87617
Sullivan	Gallatin	87066
Sumner Tipton	Covington	38019 87074
Trousdale	Hartsville	87650
Unicoi	Erwin	87807
Union	Maynardville	28585
Van Buren	Spencer	87110
Warren	McMinnville Janesboro	87659
Washington	Jonesboro Waynesboro	88485
Wayne	Waynesboro Dresden	38225
Weakley	Sparta	88588
White	Franklin	87064
Williamson	Lebanon	870 <b>87</b>
Wilson		

County Seat

Zip Code

22062

# B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register absentee in Tennessee:

- 1. Any resident of Tennessee,
- 2. Overseas Citizens.

# C. Registration Procedures

1. Tennessee has 2 forms of registration—permanent and temporary. Any resident of Tennessee may register permanently. Permanent registration may be accomplished by use of the state "Mail Registration Form" which may be obtained from the County Election Commission, county of voting residence.

Note: When this registration method is used the person must vote in person at the next election following registration. Permanent registration must be completed not less than 30 days before the election.

- 2. Temporary registration is limited to members of the Armed Forces, and their spouses and dependents; residents of Tennessee temporarily outside the United States; and Overseas Citizens. One (1) Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) may be used to request temporary registration and an absentee ballot. Temporary registration is valid for one election only.
- 3. Requests for temporary registration must be received not earlier than 90 days and not less than 7 days before the election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony or persons declared mentally incompetent shall not be permitted to register and vote in Tennessee. A person seeking restoration of citizenship rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

Permanently registered persons will have their registration cancelled for failure to vote for 4 successive years, excluding the year of registration. Persons will also have their registration cancelled 90 days after they change their name by marriage or otherwise. Voters will be notified by mail if they are going to have their registration cancelled.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Tennessee has no provision for registration or requesting an absentee ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If the Registrar determines that a voter is not entitled to be registered the Registrar will notify the voter in writing. The person should supply the information called for in the notice of denial. If a second denial is received, the person should contact a local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

If the request for permanent registration is granted, the person will be so notified and sent a registration card. A person will not be given a registration card for temporary registration.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the County Election Commission, county of voting residence.
- B. The following people may vote absentee in Tennessee:
  - 1. Residents of Tennessee who will be out of the state on election day,
  - 2. Overseas Citizens.
- C. There are different procedures for voting absentee depending upon the category of the absentee voter.
- D. The following persons may use an FPCA to request an absentee ballot: members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents; residents of Tennessee who are temporarily outside of the United States; and Overseas Citizens. The FPCA must be received not earlier than 90 days before the election and not less than 7 days before the election, in which the person desires to vote.
- E. All other persons must use the "Application for Absentee Ballot" form and "Certificate of Non-registration." These forms must be requested in writing from the County Election Commission, county of voting residence. The "Application for Absentee Ballot" and "Certifi-

cate of Non-registration" must be received not earlier than 40 days and not less than 7 days before the election in which the person wishes to vote.

- F. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 21 days before the election.
- G. All voted ballots must be received by county election officials not later than the close of polls on election day.

# III Oath

The FPCA, when used as a request for temporary absentee registration, must be sworn to. The state absentee ballot request form does not have to be sworn to. The state form for mail registration and the absentee ballot return envelope must be sworn to.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. Tennessee requires that all items on the FPCA be completed when the FPCA is used to request temporary registration and an absentee ballot.

- B. A single FPCA may be used by those persons listed in Section 1, paragraph C2, as a request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot.
- C. A separate request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot is required for each election.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person resided in the county in Tennessee in which the person desires to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- G. FPCA Item 8. Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

# **Texas**

Childress

Cochran

Coleman

Colorado

Comanche

Comal

Concho

Corvell

Cooke

Cottie

Crane

Crockett

Culberson

Crosby

Dallam

Dallas

Delta

Denton

De Witt

Dickens

Dimmit

Donley

Duval

Ector

Ellis

Eastland

Edwards

Dawson

Deaf Smith

Collingsworth

Collin

Clay

Coke

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Registrar of Voters in each county in Texas.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Texas and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Texas, but who was last domiciled in Texas immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Applications for absentee registration should be sent to the **Registrar of Voters**, at the county seat, county of voting residence as listed below:

seat, country of	. 100		El Paso	El Paso	79901
0	County Seat	Zip Code	Erath	Stephenville	76401
County	Palestine	75801	Falls	Marlin	76661
Anderson	Andrews	79714	Fannon	B: nham	75418
Andrews	Lufkin	75901	Fayette	La Grange	78945
Angelina	Rockport	78382	Fisher	Roby	79543
Aransas	Archer City	76851	Floyd	Floydade	79235
Archer		79019	Foard	Crowell	79227
Armstrong	Claude	78026	Fort Bend	Richmond	77469
Atascosa	Jourdanton	77418	Franklin	Mount Vernon	75457
Austin*	Bellville	79847	Freestone	Fairfield	75840
Bailey	Muleshoe	78008	Frio	Pearsall	78061
Bandera	Bandera	78602	Gaines	Seminole	79360
Bastrop	Bastrop	76380	Galveston	Galveston	77550
Baylor	Seymour	78102	Garaza	Post	79856
Bee	Beeville	76518	Gillespie	Fredericksburg	78624
Bell	Belton	78204	Glassock	Garden City	79739
Bexar	San Antonio	78636	Goliad	Goliad	77963
Blanco	Johnson City	79788	Gonzales	Gonzales	78629
Borden	Gail	76665	Gray	Pampa	79065
Bosque	Meridian	75557	Grayson	Sherman	75090
Bowie	Boston	77515	Gregg	Longview	75601
Brazoria	Angleton	77801	Grimes	Anderson	77830
Brasos	Bryan	79830	Guadalupe	Sequin	78155
Brewster	Alpine	79257	Hale	Plainview	79072
Briscoe	Silverton	78855	Hall	Memphis	79245
Brooks	Falfurrias	76801	Hamilton	Hamilton	76531
Brown	Brownwood	77836	Hansford	Spearman	79081
Burleson	Caldwell	78611	Hardeman	Quanah	79252
Burnet	Burnet	78644	Hardin	Kountze	77625
Caldwell	Lockhart	77979	Harris	Houston	77002
Calhoun	Port Lavaca	79504	Harrison	Marshall	75670
Callahan	Baird	78520	Hartley	Channing	79018
Cameron	Brownsville	75686	Haskell	Haskell	79521
Camp	Pittapurg	79068	Hays	San Marcos	78666
Carson	Panhandle	75568	Hemphill	Canadian	79014
Cass	Linden	79027	Henderson	Athens	75751
Castro	Dimmitt	77514	Hidalgo	Edinburg	78589
Chambers	Anahuac	75785	Hill	Hillsboro	76645
Cherokee	Rusk	10,190	Hockley	Levelland	79886
* See footnote at	end of table.		-10-1-17		

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76201

77954

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75165

County Seat

Childress

Henrietta

Robert Lee

McKinney

Columbus

Comanche

Paint Rock

Gainesville

Gatesville

Crosbyton

Van Horn

Dalhart

Lamesa

Cooper

Denton

Cuero

Dickens

Clarendon

San Diego

Eastland

Rocksprings

Waxahachie

Odessa

Carrizo Springs

Hereford

Dallas

Paducah

Crane

Orona

Wellington

New Braunfels

Coleman

Morton

County	County Seat	Zip Code	County	County Seat	Zip Code
Hood	Granbury	76048	Parmer	Farwell	79325
Hopkins	Sulphur Springs	75482	Pecos	Fort Stockton	79735
Houston**	Crockett	75885	Polk	Livingston	77851
Howard	Big Spring	79720	Potter	Amarillo	79101
Hudspeth	Sierra Blanca	79851	Presidio	Marfa	79843
Hunt	Greenville	75401	Rains	Emory	75440
Hutchinson	Stinnett	79083	Randall	Canyon	79015
Irion Jack	Mertzon Jacksboro	76941 76056	Reagan Real	Big Lake Leakey	76982
Jackson	Edna	77957	Red River	Clarksville	7887 <b>3</b> 75426
Jasper	Jasper	75951	Reeves	Pecos	79772
Jeff Davis	Fort Davis	79784	Refugio	Refugio	78377
Jefferson	Beaumont	77701	Roberts	Miami	79059
Jim Hogg	Hebbronville	78361	Robertson	Franklin	77856
Jim Wells	Alice	78332	Rockwall	Rockwall	75087
Johnson	Cleburne	76081	Runnels	Ballinger	76821
Jones Karnes	Anson	79501	Rusk Sabine	Henderson	75652
Kaufman	Karnes City Kaufman	78118 75412	San Augustine	Hemphill San Augustine	75948 75972
Kendall	Boerne	78006	San Jacinto	Coldspring	77381
Kenedy	Sarita	78385	San Patricio	Sinton	78387
Kent	Jayton	79528	San Saba	San Saba	76877
Kerr	Kerrville	78028	Schleicher	Eldorado	76936
Kimble	Junction	76849	Scurry	Snyder	79549
King	Guthrie	79236	Shackelford	Albany	76480
Kinney	Brackettville	78882	Shelby Sherman	Center	75935
Kleberg Knox	Kingaville	78368	Smith	Stratford Tyler	79084
Lamar	Benjamin Paris	79505 75460	Somervell	Glen Rose	75701 7604 <b>3</b>
Lamb	Littlefield	79889	Starr	Rio Grande City	78582
Lampasas	Lampasas	76850	Stephens	Breckenridge	76024
La Salle	Cotulla	78014	Sterling	Sterling City	76951
Lavaca	Hallettsville	77964	Stonewall	Aspermont	79502
Lee	Giddings	78942	Sutton	Sonora	76950
Leon	Centerville	78588	Swisher Tarrant	Tulia	79088
Liberty Limestone	Liberty Grossbeck	77575	Taylor	Fort Worth Abilene	76102
Lipscomb	Lipscomb	76642 79056	Terrell	Sanderson	79602 79848
Live Oak	George West	78022	Terry	Brownfield	79816
Llano	Llano	78648	Throckmorton	Throckmorton	76088
Loving	Mentone	79754	Titus	Mount Pleasant	75455
Lubbock	Lubbock	79401	Tom Green	San Angelo	76901
Lynn	Tahoka	79878	Travis	Austin	78701
McCulloch	Brady	76825	Trinity	Groveton	75848
McLennan McMullen	Waco	76701	Tyler Upshur	Woodville Gilmer	75979
Madison	Tilden Madisonville	7307 <b>2</b> 778 <b>64</b>	Upton	Rankin	75644 79778
Marion	Jefferson	75657	Uvalde	Uvalde	78801
Martin	Stanton	79782	Val Verde	Del Rio	78840
Mason	Mason	76856	Van Zandt	Canton	75108
Matagorda	Bay City	77414	Victoria	Victoria	77901
Maverick	Eagle Pass	78852	Walker	Huntsville	77840
Medina	Hondo	78861	Waller Ward	Hempstead	77448
Menard Midland	Menard	76859	Washington	Monahans Brenham	79756
Milam	Midland Cameron	79701	Webb	Laredo	77888
Mills	Goldthwaite	76520 76844	Wharton	Wharton	78040 77488
Mitchell	Colorado City	79512	Wheeler	Wheeler	79096
Montague	Montague	76251	Wichita	Wichita Falls	76801
Montgomery	Conroe	77801	Wilbarger	Vernon	76384
Moore	Dumas	79029	Willacy	Raymondville	78580
Morris	Daingerfield	75638	Williamson	Georgetown	78626
Motley	Matador	79244	Wilson Winkler	Floresville Kermit	78114
Nacogdoches Navarro	Nacogdoches Corsicana	759 <b>6</b> 1	Wise	Nermit Decatur	79745
Newton	Newton	75110 75966	Wood	Quitman	76284 75788
Nolan	Sweetwater	79556	Yoakum	Plains	79855
Nueces	Corpus Christi	78401	Young	Graham	76046
Ochiltree	Perryton	79070	Zapata	Zapata	78076
Oldham	Vega	79092	Zavala	Crystal City	78889
Orange	Orange	77620	* This is Austin Coun	ty; the city of Austin is lo	cated in Travis
Palo Pinto	Palo Pinto	76072	County.		
Panola	Carthage	75683		nty; the city of Houston is lo	cated in Harris
Parker	Weatherford	76086	County.		

# B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register absentee in Texas:

- a. all residents of the State of Texas,
- b. Overseas Citizens.

# C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Absentee registration procedures vary depending upon which category a person belongs to.
- 2. The following persons may use a single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register absentee and to request an absentee ballot:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents;
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents;
  - c. residents of Texas who are temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia; and
    - d. Overseas Citizens.
- 3. All other persons must use the State Mail Registration Form. This form may be requested in person or in writing from the County Registrar of Elections.
- 4. The registration form used—either the FPCA or the State Mail Registration Form—must be received by county election officials before the close of registration—30 days before the election.

#### D. Bars to Registration

- 1. The following persons may not register or vote in Texas:
  - a. persons convicted of a felony, except those restored to full citizenship and right of sufferage or pardoned,
  - b. those persons declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 2. Persons seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled when the voting residence is changed, a disenfranchising offense is committed, and for failure to return (by July 1 of the following year) the reregistration form which is mailed to the voter in November of each odd-numbered year.

# F. Application for Registration of Proxy

Texas permits a qualified voter who is the husband, wife, father, mother, son or daughter of a Texas resident to complete registration for that person.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Persons advised that their request for registration is denied should submit the information called for in the Notice of Denial. If a second denial is received a local voting assistance officer, legal officer or civilian counsel should be contacted.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

There is no provision in Texas election procedure requiring notice of registration to be given to a person using the FPCA as the registration form.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The following persons may vote by absentee ballot in Texas:
  - 1. residents of Texas who will be absent from the county during the time of the election,
    - 2. Overseas Citizens.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- C. There are 2 different forms for requesting absentee ballots—the FPCA and the State Absentee Ballot Request Form. The category of absentee voter to which a person belongs determines which form may be used.
- D. A single FPCA may be used to request absentee ballots for all elections occurring during the year by members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents, members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, persons temporarily living outside of the United States, and Overseas Citizens.

- E. Each of the elections for which an absentee ballot is being requested should be noted in Item 7 of the FPCA. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person's receiving a ballot for the November general election only.
- F. All other persons must use the state form for requesting an absentee ballot. The State Absentee Ballot Request Form may be requested in writing from the County Clerk.
- G. Requests for an absentee ballot made by persons using the FPCA may be made at any time during the year in which the election is held. All other applications for absentee ballot must be made not earlier than 60 days before the election for which the ballot is requested.

Note: Absentee ballots must be mailed to an address outside the county in which the person is voting.

- H. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as printed and available—approximately 30 days before the election.
- I. Voted ballots must be received by local election officials before the close of polls on election day.

# III Oath

The Federal Post Card Application used to register and to request absentee ballots must be sworn to.

The State Absentee Registration Form, the State Absentee Ballot Request Form and the Ballot Return Form do not have to be sworn to.

A registered person using the FPCA to request only an absentee ballots need not have the FPCA sworn to.

- A. Texas requires that all FPCA items be completed when the FPCA is used as a request for registration and an absentee ballot; and all FPCA items except Item 16 be completed when the FPCA is used to request only an absentee ballot.
- B. One FPCA may be used to request absentee ballots for all elections during the year in which the request is made.
- C. The FPCA may be used as a simultaneous request for registration and absentee ballots when used in this manner the FPCA must be sworn to.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address where the person lived in the county in Texas in which the person desires to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular elections for which ballots are being requested. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person receiving an absentee ballot for the November general election only.
- F. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed when a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state political party preference will result in a person not receiving a ballot for the primary election.

# Utah

# i Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Clerk. Persons currently registered, need not register again unless they have failed to vote at least once in the last 2 general elections.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Utah or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained, or will attain, the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Utah but who was last domiciled in Utah immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the County Clerk, county of voting residence at the county seat listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Beaver	Beaver	84718
Box Elder	Brigham City	84802
Cache	Logan	84821
Carbon	Price	84501
Daggett	Manila	84046
Davis	Farmington	84025
Duchesne	Duchesne	84021
Emery	Castle Dale	84518
Garfield	Panguitch	84759
Grand	Moab	84582
Iron	Parowan	84761
Juab	Nephi	84648
Kane	Kanab	84741
Millard	Fillmore	84681
Morgan	Morgan	84050
Piute	Junction	84740
Rich	Randolph	84064
Salt Lake	Salt Lake City	84111
San Juan	Monticello	84525
Sanpete	Manti	84642
Sevier	Richfield	84701
Summit	Coalville	84017
Tooele	Tooele	84074
Uintah	Vernal	84078
Utah	Provo	84601
Wasatch	Heber City	84082
Washington	Saint George	84770
Wayne	Los	84747
Weber	Ogden	84401

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

1. The following persons may apply by mail for temporary registration and an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, State, and local elections:

- a. members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine of the United States while in active service.
- b. spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces or the Merchant Marine of the United States while in active service,
- c. civilian employees of the United States in all categories serving outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents when residing with, or accompanying them, whether or not the employee is subject to the Civil Service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, and whether or not paid from funds appropriated by the Congress.
- d. members of religious groups or welfare agencies assisting members of the Armed Forces, who are officially attached to and serving with the Armed Forces, and their spouses and dependents.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for temporary registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Utah immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.
- 3. The following Utah residents may apply by mail for permanent registration and, once registered, may apply by mail for an absentee ballot:
  - a. persons who are physically disabled;
  - b. persons temporarily absent from the county of their residence.

#### . C. Registration Procedures

1. Persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may apply for registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Clerk, county of voting residence. Upon receipt of an FPCA the Clerk will forward an absentee ballot to the applicant. Execution of the certificate on the ballot envelope and return of the ballot completes the registration process.

2. Persons listed in paragraph B3 above, may obtain a state registration form to apply for permanent registration by sending a completed FPCA or other written request to the County Clerk. When the completed state form is returned and the person found qualified, the clerk will permanently register the person.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who have been convicted of a crime against election laws or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Utah.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration remains permanent unless a person has failed to vote at least once during the period of 2 general elections.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

There is no provision for registering or obtaining a ballot by proxy.

# G. State Action on Registration Requests

When the County Clerk receives an FPCA or state registration form, it will be reviewed, and if an applicant is found to be a qualified elector, an absentee ballot will be forwarded.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Clerk county of voting residence. For these persons, 1 FPCA serves as a simultaneous request for registration and for an absentee ballot.
- B. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B3, may, after they have permanently registered, apply for an absentee ballot by submitting a completed FPCA to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- C. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wishes to vote.
- D. FPCA requests for absentee ballots will be processed no earlier than 30 days before an

election. Persons should mail the FPCA, taking into account the normal mailing time, so as to have it reach the County Clerk on or within 30 days of an election. Be sure to consider the normal mailing time remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted, the less time is available to receive and return the absentee ballot in time to be counted.

- E. The County Clerk will forward absentee ballots as soon as they are available.
- F. Absentee ballots must be returned to the County Clerk by the close of polls on election day or be clearly postmarked with the date preceding an election day and received by election officials before 12 noon on the day of the official canvass following the election.

# III Oath

Utah requires that FPCAs used for registration and/or ballot request purposes, state registration forms, and absentee ballot return envelopes be completed pursuant to oath.

- A. Utah requires that all FPCA items, except Item 8, be completed in order to use an FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete (including number and street) address where a person lived in the county in which they wish to vote.
- C. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wants to vote absentee.
- D. FPCA Item 8: Political party perference should not be indicated.
- E. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# **Vermont**

# 1 Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the **Town** or City Clerk and local boards of civil authority, place of voting residence.

Persons presently registered do not have to reregister.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means Vermont resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Vermont but who was last domiciled in Vermont immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Applications for absentee registration should be sent to the Town Clerk in the town of voting residence.

#### B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register absentee in Vermont:

- a. members of the military service,
- b. persons out of their town of residence who cannot register in person,
  - c. Overseas Citizens.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. There are two different procedures for absentee registration in Vermont.
- 2. Under one procedure a person residing in a foreign country and members of the military service may use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to request an "Application for Admission to the Checklist" and, if they have not taken the Freeman's Oath, the Freeman's Oath form. The FPCA must be received by the Town or City Clerk not less than 17 days before the election. The State "Application for Admission to the Checklist," Freeman's Oath form,

and absentee ballot will be sent to the voter and must be returned before the close of polls on election day.

3. Under the second procedure all other persons may make a written or telephone request for the "Application for Admission to the Checklist" and if they have not taken the Freeman's Oath, the Freeman's Oath form. Under this procedure, the completed "Application for Admission to the Checklist" and Freeman's Oath form must be received by the Town or City Clerk not less than 17 days before the election.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Residents of Vermont are not barred from registering and voting.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

The board of civil authority may at any time consider the eligibility of persons on the Checklist to determine whether a person is still qualified to vote.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Vermont has no provision for registration by proxy. However anyone may request an "Application for Addition to Checklist" and Freeman's Oath form for another person.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Persons denied registration should reapply providing the information requested in the first notice of denial. If a second denial is received that person should seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Officer or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

- 1. Persons added to the Checklist will be sent a copy of the completed "Application for Addition to the Checklist" noting thereon the action taken.
- 2. If the application has been denied they will be so notified and advised of the reasons for the denial.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons covered under Section I, paragraph C2, may use the FPCA to request an absentee ballot. The same FPCA used to request the "Application for Addition to the Checklist" and Freeman's Oath form by an unregistered person may also be used to request an absentee ballot for one election. When this procedure is followed the FPCA must be received by the Town Clerk not less than 17 days before the election.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to Town Clerk in the town of voting residence.
- C. An authorized family member (a person's spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, spouse's parent, grandparent or spouse's grandparent) may request that an absentee ballot be sent to the person.
- D. Absentee ballots will be sent to the voter as soon as they are printed and available—approximately 20 days before the election.
- E. Absentee ballots must be returned in time to reach the election officials before the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

- 1. The FPCA used to request the Freeman's Oath form, the state registration form and the absentee ballot; the request for admission to the Checklist, and the absentee ballot return envelope do not have to be sworn to.
- 2. The Freeman's Oath form must be sworn to.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

A. When using the FPCA to request an "Application for Admission to the Checklist," Free-

- man's Oath form, and/or an absentee ballot, Vermont requires that persons complete all FPCA items except Item 16.
- B. One (1) FPCA may be used by members of the military service and Overseas Citizens to request the "Application for Admission to the Checklist," the Freeman's Oath form, if required, and an absentee ballot for one election only.
- C. A separate FPCA must be used to request an absentee ballot for each additional election in which a person wishes to vote.
- D. FPCA Item 2: The FPCA must show the complete resident address in the town where the voter wishes to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their state of birth is not necessarily their state of residence if they are now residents of another state.
- F. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is being requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving a ballot for any election.
- G. The FPCA or other written request for the "Application for Admission to the Checklist," the Freeman's Oath form and the absentee ballot does not have to be sworn to. The Oath on the "Application for Admission to the Checklist" may be self-administered. However, the Freeman's Oath must be administered to any person listed in Section I, paragraph B, or by any commissioned officer in the military service, or by any other person qualified to administer oaths, within or without of the United States, by the laws of the place in which the oath is administered. Persons administering the oath must write their name and provide their rank or title.

# Virginia

# **Absentee Registration**

Voter registration is conducted by the General Registrar.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Virginia or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Virginia but who was last domiciled in Virginia immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the General Registrar, county or city of residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Accomack	Accomac	28801
Albemarle	Charlottesville	22902
Alleghany	Covington	24426
Amelia	Amelia	23003
Amherst	Amherst	24521
Appomattox	Appomattox	24522
Arlington	Arlington	22210
Augusta	Staunton	24401
Bath	Warm Springs	24484
Bedford	Bedford	24528
Bland	Bland	24815
Botetourt	Fincastle	24090
Brunswick	Lawrenceville	23868
Buchanan	Grundy	24614
Buckingham	Buckingham	23921
Campbell	Rustburg	24588
Caroline	Bowling Green	22427
Carroll	Hillsville	24848
Charles City	Charles City	28080
Charlotte	Charlotte Courthouse	28928
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	28882
Clarke	Berryville	22611
Craig	New Castle	24127
Culpeper	Culpeper	22701
Cumberland	Cumberland	28040
Dickenson	Clintwood	24228
Dinwiddie	Dinwiddie	23841
Essex	Tappahannock	22560
Fairfax	Fairfax	22030
Fauguler	Warrenton	22186
Floyd	Floyd	24091
Fluvanna	Palmyra	22962
Franklin	Rocky Mount	24151
Frederick	Winchester	22601
Giles	Pearisburg	24184
Gloucester	Gloucester	28061
Goochland	Goochland	23063
Grayson	Independence	24348

County	Coun	ty Seat	Zip Code
Greene	Stand	lardsville	22978
Greensville	Empo	oria	28847
Halifax	Halif	ax	24558
Hanover	Hano		23069
Henrico	Richt		28219
Henry		nsville	24078
Highland	Mont	erey f Wight	24465 28397
Isle of Wight James City		amaburg	23185
King and Queen		And Queen C. H.	28085
King George		George	22485
King William	_	William	28086
Lancaster	Lanc	aster	22508
Lee	Jones	ville	24268
Loudoun	Leest		22075
Louisa	Louis		23098
Lunenburg		nburg	23952 2272 <b>7</b>
Madison Mathews	Madia Math		28109
Mecklenburg	Chase		23924
Middlesex	Salud	•	23149
Montgomery		tiansburg	24073
Nelson	Lovir	gston	22949
New Kent	New	Kent	23124
Northampton	Eastv		28347
Northumberland		nsville	22478
Nottoway	Notto		28955
Orange Page	Oran		22960 22835
Patrick	Lura		24171
Pittsylvania	Chath	·	24531
Powhatan	Powh		28189
Prince Edward	Farm		23901
Prince George	Princ	e George	28875
Prince William	Mana	8845	22110
Pulaski	Pulas	•	24301
Rappahannock		ington	22747
Richmond Roanoke	Wars		22572 24158
Rockbridge	Salen Lexin		24158
Rockingham		isonburg	22801
Russell	Lebai		24266
Scott	Gate		24251
Shenandoah	Wood	stock	22664
Smyth	Mario		24354
Southampton	Court		28887
Spotaylvania		ylvania	22553
Stafford	Staffe		22554 2888
Surry Sussex	Surry		23884
Tazewell	Tasey		24651
Warren		Royal	22680
Washington	Abing	rdon	24210
Westmoreland	Mont	ross	22520
Wise	Wise		24298
Wythe	Wytheville		24882
York	York	town	28690
Independent Cities	Zip Code	Independent Cities	Zip Code
Alexandria	22818	Franklin	28851
Bedford	24528	Fredericksburg	22041
Bristol Buena Vista	24201 24416	Galax Hampton	24833 23669
Charlottesville	22902	Harrisonburg	22801
Chesapeake	28820	Hopewell	28860
Clifton Forge	24422	Lexington	24450
Colonial Weighte	00004	Lynchhung	04804

Manassas

Norfolk

Lynchburg

Manassas Park

Martinsville

Newport News

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22046

Colonial Heights

Covington

Danville

Emporia

Fairfax

Falls Church

24504

22110

22111

24112

23607

23510

Independent Cities	Zip Code	Independent Cities	Zip Code
Norton	24273	South Boston	24592
Petersburg	23804	Staunton	24401
Portsmouth	23705	Suffolk	23434
Poqueson	28662	Virginia Beach	23548
Radford	24141	Waynesboro	22980
Richmond	23219	Williamsburg	23185
Roanoke	24001	Winchester	22601
Salem	24153		

# B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for permanent registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal, state and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine of the United States,
  - b. spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine,
  - c. persons regularly employed in a business, profession, or occupation outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, and their spouses and dependents residing with them who have a domicile and place of abode in Virginia.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for temporary registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Virginia immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. The persons listed in paragraph B1 above, may apply for permanent registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to reach the General Registrar not later than 30 days before the election in which the person wishes to vote.
- 2. The persons listed in paragraph B2 above, may apply for temporary registration by submitting a completed FPCA to reach the General Registrar not later than 30 days before the election.

#### D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in Virginia.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

Registration will be cancelled for those persons required to be permanently registered if they fail to vote in at least one election during a 4-year period.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

There are no provisions for registering or obtaining a ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If an individual's application for registration is denied, an appeal may be filed. An individual in this situation should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the General Registrar receives an FPCA it will be reviewed and if approved, the person will be registered.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. All persons listed under Section I, paragraph B, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the General Registrar, county city of voting residence.
- B. A single FPCA may be submitted by the persons indicated in Section I, paragraph B1, to simultaneously request permanent registration and an absentee ballot. The persons listed under Section I, paragraph B2, may submit a single FPCA to simultaneously request temporary registration and an absentee ballot. When used for this dual purpose the FPCA must reach the General Registrar not later than 30 days before the election.
- C. When utilized by a permanently registered voter as an absentee ballot request alone, the FPCA must reach the General Registrar not later than 5 days before the election in which the individual wishes to vote.
- D. Normal mailing time must be considered remembering that the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted the less time will be available to request, receive and return the ballot.

E. Voted ballots must be received by election officials in the county or city of residence not later than the close of polls on election day.

# III Oath

Virginia requires that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes by any person be completed pursuant to oath. An FPCA used by a person who has already registered, and is applying only for a ballot need not have the FPCA notarized but it must be witnessed to. The absentee ballot return envelope must also be executed pursuant to oath.

# IV Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

- A. Virginia requires completion of all FPCA items, except Items: 4, 5(b), (c), (d), (e), 9 and 12(b), in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which

the person lived in the county (or city) in which that person wishes to vote.

- C. FPCA Item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which a ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election.
- D. A separate FPCA must be submitted for each election in which a person wants to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- F. FPCA Item 10: Overseas Federal employees should check Item 10(e), not 10(c).
- G FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer baths when using an FPCA to apply for registered need only to have the FPCA witnessed... but not notarized, when using the FPCA to request an absentee ballot.

# Virgin Islands

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the Supervisor of Elections.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of the Virgin Islands or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the Virgin Islands but who was last domiciled in the Virgin Islands immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Send a completed, notarized FPCA or other written request for ballot to the Supervisor of Elections, P.O. Box 6038, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801.

# B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply for temporary registration by mail to vote absentee in Federal, Territory, and local elections:
  - a. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Merchant Marine, the Coast Guard and their spouses,
  - b. Members of religious groups or welfare or service agencies or organizations assisting members of the Armed Forces, while officially attached to and serving with the Armed Forces and their spouses, and
  - c. Any student engaged in full-time educational pursuits outside of the Territory.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by the above categories may apply by mail for temporary registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in the Virginia Islands immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

# C. Registration Procedures

The persons listed in paragraph B1 and B2 above, may apply for registration by submitting a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7 days before an election. The Supervisor will then forward an absentee ballot which must be returned with the affidavit on the ballot envelope properly executed to complete the registration process.

# D. Bars to Registration

Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in the Virgin Islands. An individual seeking restoration of citizenship along with the right to vote should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

In-person registration is permanent unless you fail to vote in two consecutive general elections.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Anyone may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of the voters listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, provided they satisfactorily establish the entitlement of the absentee person to vote. The ballot and affidavit on the ballot return envelope will then be the basis for registration when returned to the Supervisor of Elections.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Any person whose application for registration or ballot request has been denied may file a petition under oath with the Board of Elections not later than the 20th day prior to an election or primary requesting registration. Persons seeking this action should consult a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

## H. State Action on Registration Requests

A completed FPCA sent to the Supervisor of Elections will permit the Supervisor to forward

an absentee ballot and ballot envelope bearing an affidavit. When these items are properly completed and executed by qualified persons the Supervisor may complete the temporary registration process.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B1 and B2, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the **Supervisor of Elections**. A single FPCA serves simultaneously as a request for a registration affidavit and an absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA requests for absentee ballots must reach the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7 days before the date of the election in which the person wishes to vote.
- C. A separate FPCA should be submitted for each election in which a person wants to vote absentee.
- D. The Supervisor should normally be able to forward the absentee ballot as early as 20 days before an election.
- E. Consider the normal mailing time, remembering the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return an absentee ballot.
- F. Voted ballots must reach the Board of Elections in the election district of residence no later than the closing of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

The Virgin Islands requires that the FPCA used for registration and/or ballot request purposes and the absentee ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to oath. Absentee ballots must be marked in the presence of any official authorized by law to administer oath under circumstances that do not permit this official to see how the ballot is being voted, but that it is being voted.

- A. The Virgin Islands requires completion of all FPCA items in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA item 2: Should indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person resided in the district in which they wish to vote.
- C. FPCA item 7: Should indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in an individual not receiving a ballot for any election.
- D. FPCA item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.
- E. FPCA item 16: Oath must be completed. The FPCA must in all cases be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# Washington

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration is conducted by the County Auditor at each county seat (except for King County where it is conducted by the Department of Records and Elections). Persons who registered in person need not register again unless they: (1) Did not vote at all during the 26 month period preceding January 1 of each year; (2) Did not vote in the last Presidential election; or (3) Moved from the county where previously registered. Registration by mail is temporary and must be renewed on an election-by-election basis.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of Washington or an overseas elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of Washington but who was last domiciled in Washington immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory, or possession of the United States.

### A. Where to Apply

To apply for temporary registration, submit a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County Auditor (Department of Records and Elections in King County) at the applicable address listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Adams	Ritsville	99169
Asotin	Asotin	99402
Benton	Prosser	99350
Chelan	Wenatchée	98801
Clallam	Port Angeles	98862
Clark	Vancouver	98660
Columbia	Dayton	99828
Cowlits	Kelso	98626
Douglas	Waterville	98858
Ferry	Republic	99166
Franklin	Pasco	99301
Garfield	Pomeroy	99347
Grant	Ephrata	98828
Grays Harbor	Montesano	98563
Island	Coupeville	98239
Jefferson	Port Townsend	98868
King	Seattle	98104
Kitsap	Port Orchard	98366
Kittitas	Ellensburg	98926
Klickitat	Goldendale	98620
Lewis	Chehalis	185×2

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Lincoln	Davenport	99122
Mason	Shelton	98584
Okanogan	Okanogan	98840
Pacific	South Bend	98586
Pend Oreille	Newport	99156
Pierce	Tacoma	98402
San Juan	Friday Harbor	98250
Skagit	Mount Vernon	98273
Skamania	Stevenson	98649
Snohomish	Everett	98201
Spokane	Spokane	99201
Stevens	Colville	99114
Thurston	Olympia	98504
Wahklakum	Cathlamet	98612
Walla Walla	Walla Walla	99362
Whatcom	Bellingham	98225
Whitman	Colfax	99111
Yakima	Yakima	98901

## B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. Residents of Washington in the following categories may apply by mail for temporary registration and for an absentee ballot:
  - a. members of the Uniformed Services of the United States and their spouses and dependents,
  - b. members of the U.S. Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents,
  - c. civilian employees of the United States, including the Peace Corps, when serving outside of the United States, and their spouses and dependents when accompanying them,
  - d. members of religious groups or welfare agencies attached to and serving with the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents,
  - e. persons who are temporarily outside the State of Washington and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them.
- 2. Overseas electors not covered by any of the above categories and not now claiming Washington as their domicile or residence may register by mail and vote absentee in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in Washington before departing the United States and are now overseas.

#### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraph B above, may apply to temporarily register absentee by mailing a completed FPCA \*o the County Auditor

(Department of Records and Elections for King County), county of voting residence. The FPCA must reach election officials not earlier than 25 days before the election and not later than 1 day before the election. By return mail, election officials will return an absentee ballot. Temporary registration is accomplished when election officials receive the signed returned absentee ballot envelope.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony or declared to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction are prohibited from registering and voting in Washington. Persons seeking restoration of citizenship along with the right to vote should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

In-person registration will be cancelled for failure to vote in either the last Presidential election or at least once during the 26 month period preceding January 1st of each year. Temporary mail registration is applicable only to the immediate election.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

Washington has no provision for application for registering or requesting an absentee ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Washington has no formal appeal from the denial of the application for registration. Persons denied registration should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

Since permanent registration is not required for persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, persons will be sent only an absentee ballot in response to the FPCA request. Return of the signed absentee ballot envelope results in temporary registration.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. Persons listed in Section I, paragraph B, may apply for an absentee ballot by mailing a completed FPCA to the County Auditor (Department of Records and Elections for King County), county of voting residence.
- B. One (1) FPCA may be used both to apply for temporary registration and to request an absentee ballot.
- C. A single FPCA may be used to request ballots for both the state primary and general election in the same calendar year.
- D. The FPCA should be submitted so as to reach the County Auditor (Department of Records and Elections for King County) not earlier than 45 days before the election.
- E. Ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available, approximately 2 weeks before the election.
- F. Voted ballots must be returned postmarked no later than midnight on the date of the election.

#### III Oath

Washington does not require that the FPCA used for registration and/or absentee ballot request purposes, nor the absentee ballot return envelope be completed pursuant to oath. However, the absentee ballot return envelope must be executed subject to penalty of perjury.

- A. Washington requires completion of FPCA Items 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11 and 15 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration and/or absentee ballot.
- B. FPCA Item 7: A single FPCA may be submitted to request ballots for both the primary and general elections. Circle each election for which ballots are requested.
- C. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference should not be entered on the FPCA when requesting a primary election ballot.

# West Virginia

# I Absentee Registration

Registration is permanent unless a person fails to vote at least once during a period covering 2 primaries and 2 general elections.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a resident of West Virgina or an Overseas Elector.

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside the United States and who has attained or will attain the age of 18 by the date of the election and who does not qualify as a resident of the State of West Virginia but who was last domiciled in West Virginia immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Application for absentee registration should be made to the Clerk of the County Commission, county of residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Barbour	Philippi	26416
Berkeley	Martinsburg	25401
Boone	Madison	25180
Braxton	Sutton	26601
Brooke	Wellsburg	26070
Cabell	Huntington	25701
Calhoun	Grantsville	26147
Clay	Clay	25048
Doddridge	West Union	26456
Fayette	Fayetteville	25840
Gilmer	Glenville	26351
Grant	Petersburg	26847
Greenbrier	Lewisburg	24901
Hampshire	Romney	26757
Hancock	New Cumberland	26047
Hardy	Moorefield	26886
Harrison	Clarksburg	26301
Jackson	Ripley	25271
Jefferson	Charles Town	25414
Kanawha	Charleston	25801
Lewis	Weston	26452
Lincoln	Hamin	25528
Logan	Logan	25601
Mc Dowell	Welch	24801
Marion	Fairmont	26554
Marshall	Moundsville	26041
Mason	Point Pleasant	25550
Mercer	Princeton	24740
Mineral	Keyser	26726
Mingo	Williamson	25661
Monongalia	Morgantown	26505
Monroe	Union	24988
Morgan	Berkeley Springs	25411
Nicholas	Summersville	26651
Ohio	Wheeling	26008

County	County Seat	Zip Code	
Pendle' -	Franklin	26807	
Pleasa:	St Marys	26170	
Pocahon.us	Marlinton	24954	
Preston	Kingwood	26587	
Putnam	Winfield	25218	
Raleigh	Beckley	25801	
Randolph	Elkins	26241	
Ritchie	Harrisville	26362	
Roane	Spencer	25276	
Summers	Hinton	25951	
Taylor	Grafton	26854	
Tucker	Parsons	26287	
Tyler	Middlebourne	26149	
Upshur	Buckhannon	26201	
Wayne	Wayne	25570	
Webster	Webster Springs	26288	
Wetzel	New Martinsville	26155	
Wirt	Elisabeth	26148	
Wood	Parkersburg .	26105	
Wyoming	Pineville	24874	

### B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons may apply by mail for registration to vote in Federal, State and local elections:
  - a. members of the Armed Forces of the United States while in the active service, and their spouses and dependents;
  - b. members of the Merchant Marine of the United States, and their spouses and dependents;
  - c. citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents residing with or accompanying them;
  - d. persons unable to vote in person at the polls on election day due to physical disability, illness, or injury:
  - e. persons required to be absent from the county in which they are registered to vote during the entire time the polls are open for any election.
- 2. Overseas Electors not covered by any of the above categories may apply by mail for registration and for an absentee ballot to vote in Federal elections under the provisions of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act (OCVRA) if they last resided in West Virginia immediately before leaving the United States and are now overseas.

### C. Registration Procedures

Persons listed in paragraphs B1 and B2 above, may apply for registration by submitting

a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the Clerk of the County Commission, county of voting residence. West Virginia requires that a separate FPCA be submitted for each election in which a person wishes to register and vote absentee. The FPCA may be mailed as early as 90 days before an election and must be received by the Clerk not later than 30 days prior to the election.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of a felony and persons who are declared mentally incompetent by court order are prohibited from registering and voting in West Virginia.

Persons seeking restoration of citizenship and voting rights should contact a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the request for pardon.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

Persons holding a West Virginia Registration Certificate remain on the county registration list as qualified electors unless they fail to vote at least once during a period covering two primary and two general elections. Persons registering absentee must submit a separate FPCA for a ballot for each election.

# F. Application for Registration and Ballot by Proxy

West Virginia does not allow registration and request for ballot by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

Persons denied registration may appeal. Persons should consult with a legal officer or civilian counsel for assistance in preparing the appeal.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

When the Clerk of the County Commission receives an FPCA it will be reviewed and, if approved, register the applicant and send a person a registration card.

#### II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

A. All persons listed in Section I, Paragraph B, may, after they have registered, apply for an

absentee ballot by mailing a separate completed FPCA to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, county of residence.

- B. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall normally be able to forward an absentee ballot as early as 30 days before an election. No absentee ballot will be sent to an address outside the continental United States after the 15th day before an election.
- C. Persons should consider the normal mailing time, remembering the closer to the date of an election a request is submitted, the less time will be available to receive and return the absentee ballot.
- D. Voted ballots must be returned to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in time to be delivered to election officials before the close of polls on election day.

#### III Oath

West Virginia requires that FPCAs used for registration or absentee ballot request purposes and absentee ballot return envelopes be executed pursuant to oath.

- A. West Virginia initially requires that 2 separate FPCAs be submitted to 2 different local officials to accomplish registration (Clerk of the County Commission, county of residence) and to request an absentee ballot, (Clerk of the Circuit Court, county of residence). Once accomplished registration is permanent.
- B. A separate FPCA must be submitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to request an absentee ballot for each election in which an individual wishes to vote absentee.
- C. West Virginia requires all FPCA items to be completed in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration or as a request for an absentee ballot.
- D. FPCA Item 2: Must indicate the complete address (including number and street) at which the person lived in the county in which that person wishes to vote.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which the ballot is requested. Circling 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in

an individual not receiving a ballot for any election.

F. FPCA Item 8: Political party preference must be indicated when requesting a primary ballot.

G. FPCA Item 16 (Oath): Must be completed. The FPCA must, in all cases, be witnessed by and sworn before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, or other official authorized to administer oaths.

# Wisconsin

# 1 Absentee Registration

Voter registration is required in municipalities of over 5,000 population. In municipalities under 5,000 population registration is optional. Registration is permanent if you vote once every 2 years.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Wisconsin resident, and includes Overseas Electors

The term OVERSEAS ELECTOR(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is outside of the United States and who has, or will attend the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not qualify as a resident of the State of Wisconsin but who was last domiciled in Wisconsin immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States.

# A. Where to Apply

Requests for absentee registration should be submitted to the City, Town or Village Clerk, place of voting residence (City Board of Election Commissioners in Milwaukee).

# B. Who May Register Absentee

- 1. The following persons, "Military Electors," are not required to register:
  - (a) members of the Armed Forces,
  - (b) members of the Merchant Marine,
  - (c) civilian employees of the United States serving outside the continental limits of the United States, and
  - (d) spouses and dependents of persons in any of the above categories who are residing with or accompanying them outside the continental limits of the United States.
- 2. All other persons temporarily located more than 50 miles from their legal residence (including Overseas Electors) may register by absentee process if their municipality requires registration.

#### C. Registration Procedures

1. There are 2 methods of absentee registration in Wisconsin for those people required to register. The category of absentee registrant of which a person is a member determines the absentee registration method to be used.

- 2. Under the first method, spouses and dependents of members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine who are residing in the United States and Overseas Electors may use a single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) as the registration form and as a request for an absentee ballot.
- 3. All other persons must follow the second method of absentee registration which requires the use of the official registration form called the "Voter Registration Form." This form may be requested in writing from the clerk of the place of voting residence.
- 4. The registration form, either the FPCA, or the "Voter Registration Form," must be returned before the close of registration—the second Wednesday before each election.

# D. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of treason, a felony or bribery (unless their civil rights have been restored), those persons who are mentally incompetent, insane or a person who has become interested directly or indirectly in any bet or wager depending upon the result of the election may not vote in Wisconsin.

# E. Cancellation of Registration

Failure to vote for 2 years will result in notification of removal from the registration list.

#### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

Wisconsin does not permit registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person's request for registration has been denied, the information requested in the Notice of Denial shall be provided. If a second denial is received the person should seek the assistance of the local Voting Assistance Office or Counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

# H. State Action on Registration Requests

When a person is permanently registered in Wisconsin, the "Affidavit of Registration" shall be filed with the municipality in which the person is registered. People using the FPCA as the registration form are not advised when they are registered.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. All persons who have registered and those who are not required to register may vote by absentee ballot.
- B. Any person who by reason of being on active service in the U.S. Armed Forces, a member of the Merchant Marine, their spouses and dependents outside the U.S., U.S. citizens temporarily outside of the United States and Overseas Electors may use an FPCA to apply for an absentee ballot. The completed FPCA must be received not later than 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election by the City, Town or Village Clerk, place of residence (City Board of Election Commissioners, if a person is a resident of Milwaukee).
- C. Those persons permitted to use the FPCA as a registration form as listed in Section I, Paragraph C2, may use the FPCA as a simultaneous request for an absentee ballot. The municipal clerk will forward an absentee ballot to applicants provided their FPCA is received before the close of registration—the second Wednesday before each election. A separate FPCA must be submitted to request an absentee ballot for each election in which a person wants to vote.
- D. All other persons must use an "Application for Absentee Voters Ballot" to request an absentee ballot. This form may be obtained by a written request to the City, Town or Village Clerk, place of voting residence (City Board of Election Commissioners in Milwaukee).

- E. Requests for absentee ballots should be made not earlier than 90 days before the election and will not be accepted after the Friday before the election.
- F. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they are printed and available, approximately 21 days before the election.
- G. Absentee ballots must be returned in time to be received by the election officials by the close of polls on election day.

# III Oath

The requests for the absentee registration form and the absentee ballot do not have to be sworn to.

The FPCA when used as a registration form, and the absentee ballot return envelope must be sworn to.

- A. Wisconsin requires completion of all FPCA items except Items 5, 6, and 8 in order to use the FPCA as a request for registration, and items 5, 6 and 16 when used as a request for an absentee ballot only.
- B. A separate request for absentee ballot is required for each election.
- C. FPCA Item 2: Must contain the complete address at which the voter resided in Wisconsin.
- D. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their state of birth is not necessarily their state of voting residence if they are now residents of another state.
- E. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which a ballot is being requested. Circling Item 7(d) "All as permitted" may result in a person not receiving an absentee ballot for any election.

# **Wyoming**

# I Absentee Registration

Voter registration in Wyoming is conducted by the County Clerk, county of voting residence.

Registration by use of the state absentee registration form is permanent provided a person votes in a general election at least once during a 2 year period. Registration by use of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is good only for the election for which a ballot is being requested.

The term PERSON(S) as used herein means a Wyoming resident and includes Overseas Citizens.

The term OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) as used herein means a citizen of the United States who is living outside of the United States and who has or will have attained the age of 18 by the date of an election and who may not now qualify as a resident of the State of Wyoming but who was last domiciled in Wyoming immediately prior to departure from the United States and is not registered to vote and is not voting in any other state, territory or possession of the United States

# A. Where to Apply

Requests for absentee registration should be submitted to the County Clerk, county of voting residence as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Albany	Laramie	82070
Big Horn	Basin	82410
Campbell	Gillette	82716
Carbon	Rawlins	82801
Converse	Douglas	82688
Crook	Sundance	82729
Fremont	Lander	82520
Goshen	Torrington	82240
Hot Springs	Thermopolis	82448
Johnson	Buffalo	82884
Laramie	Cheyenne	82001
Lincoln	Kemmerer	88101
Natrona	Casper	82602
Niobrara	Luck	82225
Park	Cody	82414
Platte	Wheatland	82201
Sheridan	Sheridan	82801
Sublette	Pinedale	82941
Sweetwater	Green River	82935
Teton	Jackson	88001
Uinta	Evanston	82980
Washakie	Worland	82401
Weston	Newcastle	82701

# B. Who May Register Absentee

The following persons may register absentee in Wyoming:

- 1. any resident of Wyoming who is away from his county of residence and/or can not register in person,
- 2. Military and Overseas Citizens and their spouses and dependents.

### C. Registration Procedures

- 1. Absentee registration procedures vary in Wyoming depending upon which registration forms a person uses.
- 2. A single FPCA may be used by members of the Armed Forces and members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents, residents of Wyoming who are temporarily outside of the United States and Overseas Citizens to register on a temporary basis and to request an absentee ballot. The FPCA must be received not less than 30 days before the election.
- 3. All residents of Wyoming may use the "Registration Oath" form to register absentee on a permanent basis. The "Registration Oath" must be completed and received by the County Clerk not less than 30 days before election day. The "Registration Oath" may be requested from the County Clerk of the county of voting residence. A separate request must be made for the "Registration Oath" form and for the absentee ballot.

#### D. Bars To Registration and Voting

Persons adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction or who have been convicted of a felony and who have not had their civil rights restored may not register or vote in Wyoming.

#### E. Cancellation of Registration

A person's registration will be cancelled when there is a change in voting residence or if a person does not vote in a general election at least once during a 2 year period.

#### F. Application for Registration by Proxy

Wyoming does not provide for registration by proxy.

# G. Appeal Rights and Process Upon Receiving Denial of Application for Registration

If a person is advised that the request for registration has been denied, the information requested in the notice of denial should be provided. If a second denial is received the person should seek the assistance from a local voting assistance officer or counselor, legal officer or civilian counsel.

# II Applying For An Absentee Ballot

- A. The following persons may vote absentee in Wyoming:
  - 1. any resident of Wyoming who will be absent from their place of residence on election day,
  - 2. Military and Overseas Citizens, and their spouses and dependents.
- B. Requests for absentee ballots should be made to the County Clerk, county of voting residence.
- C. A request for an absentee ballot may be made by FPCA, or other writing, by phone or in person. If the FPCA is used by those persons listed in Section I, paragraph C2 above, it also will be treated as a request for temporary registration. If the FPCA is not used as the form to request an absentee ballot then the person must first be registered.
- D. Requests for an absentee ballot may be made by those persons listed in Section I, paragraph C2 above, at any time during the calendar year. All other persons must make their request not less than 40 days before the election.
- E. Absentee ballots will be mailed as soon as they have been printed and are available—approximately 25 days before the election.
  - F. Absentee ballots must be received by elec-

tion officials before the close of polls on election day.

# III Oath

- 1. The FPCA used to request temporary registration and an absentee ballot, the "Registration Oath" form, and the ballot return envelope must be sworn to. The ballot return envelope must also be witnessed by two witnesses.
- 2. Requests for absentee ballots by persons who are permanently registered do not have to be sworn to.

- 1. Wyoming requires that a person complete all items on the FPCA except Items 4, 5, and 6 in order to use the FPCA as a simultaneous request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot. All FPCA items except Items 4, 5 and 6 should be completed when using the FPCA to request only an absentee ballot.
- 2. A single FPCA may be used by those persons listed in Section I, paragraph C2, as a simultaneous request for temporary registration and an absentee ballot.
- 3. FPCA Item 2: Must be the complete address where the person resided in the county in Wyoming in which the person desires to vote.
- 4. FPCA Item 3: Voters are cautioned that their place of birth is not necessarily their voting residence if they are now a resident of another community.
- 5. FPCA Item 7: Must indicate the particular election for which an absentee ballot is being requested.
- 6. FPCA Item 8: Must be completed if a primary election ballot is being requested. Failure to state a political party will result in a person not receiving a primary election ballot.

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# Definitions APPENDIX A

# **Affidavit**

A sworn statement in writing, usually made under oath or affirmation, before an authorized officer, notary or court official.

#### **Attest**

To be a witness and affirm something to be true.

#### **Ballot**

The document or voting machine on which names of candidates are shown and on which the voter may indicate his choice.

# **Closed Primary**

A primary election where only registered political party members may vote for their political party's candidates and for no others.

# **Congressional District**

The geographic area represented in Congress by a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### Constituent

A citizen living in a geographic area represented by a legislator.

#### **Constitutional Amendment**

A proposed change in the State Constitution which voters may accept or reject by vote.

#### **Domicile (Voting Residence)**

The place where a person has his or her true, fixed, and permanent home or ties, and to which, whenever absent, he or she has the intention of returning. It is the address that ties a person into the precinct in which they intend to vote.

#### **Electoral Vote**

The votes cast for President and Vice President by Presidential Electors in what is known popularly as the Electoral College. The total Electoral Vote is 538, with 270 needed to win the election. Traditionally, by law or custom, the candidate who wins the most popular votes in a State wins all of that State's Electoral Votes.

### Elector

A qualified voter.

#### General Election

Held to elect candidates nominated in the primary (or in a convention) for Federal, State, and local offices. Constitutional amendments and referendums usually are voted on at this election. General elections are held in all States, Territories and the District of Columbia on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

# Majority

A number greater than half of the total votes

#### Members of the Armed Forces

Commissioned, warrant, noncommissioned, and enlisted personnel; cadets or midshipmen of the academies of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard who are on active duty. In some States, the term includes members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.

#### Members of the Merchant Marine

In most States this means all officers and men in the service or training of the U.S. Merchant Marine who are U.S. citizens engaged on ships registered under the flag of the United States, except those employed on ships licensed for duty on the Great Lakes or inland waterways of the United States. Some States include persons serving on the Great Lakes or inland waterways.

#### **Municipal Election**

Held in a town or city to vote for local officers and on questions of local interest.

#### **Notary Public**

A person whose function it is to administer oaths and to take acknowledgements; the person is authorized to be a notary public by the laws of the place where located.

#### **Open Primary**

A primary election where voters may vote for the candiates of any party listed on the ballot.

#### **Party Platform**

A statement of basic principles put forth by a political party, usually at its national convention, and adopted by its candidates in the election campaign.

# Plurality

The number of votes cast for a candidate who obtains the greatest number of votes though short of a majority in a contest of more than two candidates.

# Popular Vote

The numerical vote of the people, as distinguished from the Electoral Vote.

#### **Presidential Electors**

In the Presidential election held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of every fourth year, each State chooses as many Presidential electors as it has Senators and Representatives in Congress. Since 1964, voters in the District of Columbia vote for Presidential electors. The electors comprise the Electoral College, which elects the President and Vice President, the only elective Federal officials not elected by direct majority vote of the people.

# **Presidential Primary**

A primary held in Presidential election years in which voters indicate their choice of party Presidential candidates.

# **Primary or Primary Election**

Held before a general election to nominate a political party's candidates for office. In some States, other officials, such as delegates to party conventions, are elected at this time. Dates for primaries are set by the States and vary from State to State. In some, a separate primary is held by each of the principal parties; in others, only the major political parties hold a primary.

# **Proxy**

Person authorized by law to request or complete registration forms or also to obtain an absentee ballot on behalf of another person. A proxy may not cast a ballot for another person.

#### Referendum

A method of submitting an important legislative measure to direct vote of the electorate.

# Registration

The process whereby a citizen satisfies his State's voter qualification requirements.

# Residence

The place where a person has his or her current place of living although he or she may not intend to make it his permanent place of living. This could be a temporary place where a person is living as compared with a person's domicile.

# **Runoff Primary**

Held in some States if no one candidate for a certain office receives a majority (or a specified percentage) of votes to win the nomination.

#### **Secret Ballot**

The choices marked on the ballot by the voter remain a secret. Once the ballot is cast, there is no way for anyone to determine who cast it.

# **Special Election**

An election that is specially scheduled to fill an office that has become vacant before the term of its expiration.

#### State

For purposes of this Guide, "State" includes all of the following political jurisdictions:

- a. The 50 States.
- b. The District of Columbia.
- c. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- d. The Territories of Guam and the Virgin Islands.

#### Subscribe

To sign one's name in his or her own handwriting.

#### Write-in

A method of voting for a person whose name is not on the ballot. Write-in votes are permitted by some States, usually in primary elections.

# **VOTING INFORMATION—1982** (PRIMARY ELECTIONS) **APPENDIX B**



This chart lists primary election dates scheduled by States, Territories, and the District of Columbia; primary runoff dates to be held (if required); and Federal and State officials to be nominated in the primaries who will run in the general election November 2, 1982. NOTE: This election information is subject to change. Voting officers and counselors should be contacted to determine whether changes have been made after date of publication. Not all officials to be nominated will necessarily appear on each state's primary ballot.

	OFFICIALS TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION						
STATE	PRIMARY	RUNOFF	FEI	DERAL	I	STATE (SEE KEY)*	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	DATE	PRIMARY	U.S. Senator	U.S. Representative	Governor	Other	
Alabama	Sept. 7, 1982	Sept. 28, 1882	-	7	Yee	JCCA SEN SR SBE-LG-AG-SS-T PSG-SSC-CJ-CCA-AU-CA	Alebeme
Alaska	August 24, 1962		1	1	Yes	LG-SEN-SR	Aleeka
Arleona	Sept. 7, 1982	-	Yes	5	Yee	SCJ SS-CRC JAC-AG-T-SPI-SEN-SR	Anzona
Arkeness	May 25, 1982	June 8, 1982		4	Yes	LG-SS-AG-SCJ-T-AU-LC-SEN-SR	Arkanese
California	June 8, 1882	-	Yes	46	Yes	LG-SS'-AG-SC-T SPI-SEN-SAS	California
Colorado	Sept. 14, 1982			6	Yes	LG T-SS-AG-RUC-SBE-SEN SR	Colorado
Connecticut	Sept 7, 1982		Yes	6	Yes	LG-SS-T-COMP-AG-SEN-SR	Connecticut
Delewere	Sept. 11, 1982		Yes	1		AL-AG-T-SEN-SR-CO	Delawere
District of Columbia	Sept. 14, 1962		-	1		MAYOR CHAIRMAN CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS	Dietrict of Columbia
Floride	Sept. 7, 1982	October 5, 1992	Yes	19	Yes	SS-AG-CA-CE-COMP-T-SEN-SR	Flonde
Georgia	August 10, 1982	August 31, 1982	-	10	Yes	LG-SS-AG-CA-COMP-SSS-SEN-SR-SCJ-DCA-JSC-DA-CL-PSC	Georgia
Guern	Sept. 4, 1962	_	_	1	You	LG-JSC-LEGISLATIVE DIST. SEATS-SCHOOL BOARD DIST. SEATS	Guam
Hanel	Sept. 18, 1982		Yes	2	Yes	LG-SEN-SR	Hawaii
ideho	May 25, 1962			2	Yes	LG-SS-AG AU T SPI SCJ	klaho
Minois	Merch 16, 1982	-		22	Yes	LG-SS-COMP-T-SEN-AG-SCJ-JAC JCC-LO-GA	Illenois
Indiana	May 4, 1982		Yes	10		SEN-SS T-AU GO-SR	Indiana
love	June 8, 1982	<del></del>	<del>                                     </del>	6	Yes	LG-SS-AU-T AG-SEN-SR-SAG	lows
Kanase	August 3, 1982		<del> </del>	Б	Yes	LG-SS AG T-CI SR	Kanass
Kentucky	May 25, 1962			7		NO STATEWIDE ELECTIONS FOR STATE OFFICIALS	Kentucky
Louisiene	Sept. 11, 1982	-		8		DISTRICT SEATS 1-8	Louisiana
Maine	June 8, 1962		Yes	2	Yee	SR-SEN-CO	Maine
Maryland	Sept. 14, 1982	-	Yes		Yes	LG-COMP-AG-SEN-DCA-JCC-CO-HD	Meryland
Massachusetts	Sept. 14, 1982		Yes	11	Yes	LG-SS-AG T-AU-SEN-SR	Messechusetts
Michigan	August 3, 1992		Yes	18	Yes	LG-SS-AG-SEN-SBE-RUM-TMSU-GWSC-SR-SSC	Michigan
Minnesote	Sept. 14, 1982		Yes		Yes	LG-SS-AU-T-AG-SEN-SR-CJ-SSC-DC-COC	Minnesota
Minnesote	Sept. 14, 1962	<del> </del>	Yes	8	Yes	LG-SS-AU-T-AG-SEN-SR-CJ-SSC-DC-COC	Minnesota
Mississippi	June 1, 1982	June 22, 1982	Yes	6		NO STATEWIDE ELECTIONS FOR STATE OFFICIALS	Mississupi
Missouri	August 3, 1982	JUN 22, 1882	Yes	9	— <u> </u>	AU	Мессил
Montene	June 8, 1982	<del></del>	Yes	2		PSC-JS-GO-DC-SEN-SR	Montana
Nebraska	May 11, 1982	<del></del>	Yes	3	Yes	LG-AG-SS-AU-T-PSC-SBE-ML	Nebraska
Novede	Sept. 14, 1982	<u>-</u>	Yes	2	Yes	LG-SS-AG-COMP-T-SEN-SCJ-SAS	Neveda
New Hampshire	Sept. 14, 1962		100	2	Yes	SEN-SR-CO-GO	New Hampehire
New Jersey	June 8, 1982		Yes	14		NO STATEWIDE ELECTIONS FOR STATE OFFICIALS	New Jersey
New Mexico	June 1, 1982	<del></del> -	Yee	- '3	Yes	LG-SS-AU-T-AG-CPL-CRC	New Mauco
New York	Sept. 14, 1982	<u> </u>	Yes	34	Yes	LG-COMP-AG-SEN-SCJ-SAS	New York
North Caroline	May 4, 1982	June 1, 1982	<del></del>	11		JSC-SCJ-DCA-DJ-DA-CO SA SEN	North Carolina
North Dekote	June 8, 1982	JUNE 1, 1442					North Dekote
Ohio	June 8, 1982	<del></del>	Yee	21	Yes	CL-PSC-SCJ LG-SS-AG-AU T SSC	Uhio
Ottishorns		Sept. 21, 1982	Yes	6	Yes	<u> </u>	Oklehome
	August 24, 1982	Sept. 21, 1962	<del></del>			LG-T-CRC-AG-AU-SSS-CI-SR-SEN-DCA	
Oregon	May 18, 1962			5 23	Yes	CL-SPI-SCJ-DCA-DC-JCC-DA-SEN-SR	Oregon
Pennsylvania	Mey 18, 1982		Yes		764	20 0211 011	Pennsylvenia
Puerto Rico Rhode telend	None Sept. 14, 1982		<del>-</del>		Yan	NO COMMONWEALTHWIDE ELECTIONS IN 1882	Puerto Rico
			Yes			LG-SS-AG-T SEN-SR	Rhode telend
South Carolina	June 8, 1962	June 29, 1982		•	Yes	SR-STATE LEGISLATURE	South Carolina
South Dekote	June 1, 1982	-		1	Yes	LG-SS-AG-AU-T CE/CPL-PUC-SEN-SR	South Dekots
Tennasses	August 5, 1962		Yee	9 27	Yes	SR-SEN-DAG-CO-JS	Tennessee
Toron	May 1, 1982	June 5, 1982	Yee		Yes	LG-SEN-SR-GO-CO	Телав
Uteh	Sept. 14, 1962	**	Yes	3		NO STATEWIDE ELECTIONS FOR STATE OFFICIALS	Utah
Vermont	Sept. 14, 1982	7	Yes	1	Yee	LG-SS-T-AC-AG-JP-SA-SEN-SR-P-CO-GO	Vermont
Virginia	June 8, 1982		Yee	10		HD	Virginia
Virgin letende	Sept. 14, 1882		-	1	Yes	BE-DEL-SEN	Virgin lelends
Washington	Sept. 14, 1982	_	Yes			SR-SEN-SCJ	Washington
West Virginia	June 1, 1982	4-	Yes	4	-	SEN-HD	West Virginia
Wiscensin	Sept. 14, 1962	-	Yee	•	-	SEN-SAS-JCCA	Wisconsin
Wyoming	Sept. 14, 1962		Yes	1	Yes	SS-AU-T-8PI-SR-SEN-SCJ-DC	Wyoming

"Key to Identification of "Other Officials"							
AC	Audio of Asserts	DCA	Judges, District Courts of Appeal	ruc .	Public Liebbus Communication		
AG	Attendey Garanti	ου	Judical District Judges	MUC	Regards, University of Colorada		
AU	-	GA	Representatives, General Assembly	MUNA.	Regards, (Interests of Michael		
DE	Marriago, Burni of Education	GO	General Officers	54	State Attended		
961.	Montana Speci of Decision	<b>GWSC</b>	Governore, Wayne State University	246	Secretary of Agreement		
CA	Commissioner of Agriculture	HD	House of Deingstes	141	Date Agentity		
CE	Commissioner of Education	JAC	Justicolal or Judgeta), Assestate Courte	566	Marriage, State Street of Statement		
a	Commissioner of Presents	JCC	Judgetsi. Circuit Court	SC.	Supreme Court Justice		
a	Owl Aster	JCCA	Judgetal, Court of Civil Assesse	SEN	Name Services		
CL	Commissioner of Labor	JP .	Justice of the Peace	SPI	Supervisore of Public Versions		
CO	Courty Offices	JS	Justices	54	State Assessment		
COC	Autora, County Courts	JSC	Authoris Superior Court	95	Secretary of Date		
COMP	Companie	LC	Land Commissioner	SEC	Assesser Justicelal or Authority, Dates Supreme Court		
CPL	Commission of Public Lands	LG	Lieutenant Governor	***	Date Supervision of Schools		
CRC	Corporation Commissionerial	LO	Local Officials	1	Blate Transport		
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OC	Judgets), District Courtle)	PSC	Public Service Correntationeries				

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# **APPENDIX C State Primary Elections in 1982**

# Alphabetical List of Jates and Primary Dates

Alabama	9/7	Kentucky	5/25	Ohio	6/8
Alaska	8/24	Louisiana	9/11	Oklahoma	8/24
Arizona	9/7	Maine	6/8	Oregon	5/18
Arkansas	5/25	Maryland	9/14	Pennsylvania	5/18
California	6/8	Massachusetts	9/14	Puerto Rico	none
Colorado	9/14	Michigan	8/3	Rhode Island	9/14
Connecticut	9/7	Minnesota	9/14	South Carolina	6/8
Delaware	9/11	Mississippi	6/1	South Dakota	6/1
District of Columbia	9/14	Missouri	8/3	Tennessee	8/5
Florida	9/7	Montana	6/8	Texa	5/1
Georgia	8/10	Nebraska	5/11	Utah	9/14
Guam	9/4	Nevada	9/14	Vermont	9/14
Hawaii	9/18	New Hampshire	9/14	Virgin Islands	9/14
Igaho	5/25	New Jersey	6/8	Virginia	6/8
Illinois	3/16	New Mexico	6/1	Washington	9/14
Indiana	5/4	New York	9/14	West Virginia	6/1
lowa	6/8	North Carolina	5/4	Wisconsin	9/14
Kansas	8/3	North Dakota	6/8	Wyoming	9/14

# **MARCH**

16 Illinois

# MAY

- Texas
- Indiana 4
- North Carolina
- 11 Nebraska
- 18 Oregon
- 18 Pennsylvania
- 25 Arkansas
- 25 Idaho
- 25 Kentucky

# JUNE

- Mississippi
- **New Mexico** 1
- South Dakota

- West Virginia 1
- 8 California
- lowa
- Maine
- 8 Montana
- **New Jersey** 8
- North Dakota 8
- 8 Ohio
- South Carolina
- Virginia

# **AUGUST**

- Kansas
- 3 Michigan
- 3 Missouri
- 5 Tennessee
- 10 Georgia
- Oklahoma 24
- 24 Alaska

# **SEPTEMBER**

- Guam
- Alabama
- Arizona
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Delaware
- Louisiana
- Colorado
- District of Columbia 14
- Maryland 14
- Massachusetts
- 14 Minnesota
- Nevada 14
- 14 **New Hampshire**
- **New York** 14
- Rhode Island 14
- 14 Utah
- Vermont
- Virgin Islands
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming 14
- Hawaii

# APPENDIX D Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955, as Amended

# FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1955, AS AMENDED (42 U.S.C. 1973cc et seq.)

#### PART I-RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATES

Sec. 1973cc. State enactment of absentee voting legislation; covered persons

- (a) The Congress expresses itself as favoring, and recommends that the several States take, immediate legislative or administrative action to enable every person in any of the following categories who is absent from the place of his voting residence to vote by absentee ballot in any primary, special, or general election held in his election district or precinct, if he is otherwise eligible to vote in that election:
  - (1) Members of the Armed Forces while in the active service, and their spouses and dependents,
  - (2) Members of the merchant marine of the United States, and their spouses and dependents,
  - (3) Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them.
- (b) Each State shall enable every citizen in the following categories who is absent from the place of his voting residence to register absentee and to vote by absentee ballot in any federal election, as defined in section 1973dd(1) of this title, held in his election district or precinct if he is otherwise eligible to vote in that election:
  - (1) Members of the Armed Forces while in the active service, and their spouses and dependents,
- (2) Members of the merchant marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents. The rights granted in this section shall be supplemental to the voting rights presently enjoyed by these citizens under other Federal and State laws.

#### Sec. 1973cc-1. Balloting procedures

To afford ample opportunity for persons covered by section 1973cc of this title to vote for Federal, State, and local officials and to use the absentee balloting procedures to the greatest extent possible, it is recommended that each of the several States—

- (1) accept as applications for absentee ballots under such States' absentee balloting laws, as applications for registration under such States' election laws, and as sources of information to implement State absentee balloting laws, the form of post card (when duly executed by a person covered by section 1973cc of this title) provided pursuant to this subchapter;
- (2) waive registration of persons covered by section 1973cc of this title, who, by reason of their service, have been deprived of an opportunity to register;
- (3) accept the post card application provided pursuant to this subchapter as a simultaneous application for registration and for ballot;
- (4) if a special application is required for registration by mail, provide that the necessary forms will be sent with the absentee ballot and may be returned with it;
- (5) make provision for persons eligible to register and qualified to vote, who have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, or have terminated their service or employment, too late to register at the time when, and at the place where, registration is required, to vote at the election next ensuing after such discharge or termination;
- (6) authorize and instruct the State or local election officials, upon receipt of the post card application provided pursuant to this subchapter, to mail immediately to the applicant a ballot, instructions for voting and returning the ballot, and a self-addressed envelope;
- (7) provide that there be printed across the face of each envelope in which a ballot is sent two parallel horizontal red bars, each one-quarter inch wide, extending from one side of the envelope to the other side with an intervening space of one-quarter inch, the top bar to be one and one-

quarter inches from the top of the envelope, and with the words "Official Election Balloting Material-via Air Mail", or similar language, between the bars; that there be printed in the upper right corner of each envelope, in a box, the words "Free of U.S. Postage, Including Air Mail", that all printing on the face of each such envelope be in red; and that there be printed in red in the upper left corner of each State ballot envelope an appropriate inscription or blanks for return address of sender;

(8) provide that the gummed flap of the State envelope supplied for the return of the ballot be separated by a wax paper or other appropriate protective insert from the remaining balloting material and that there be included in State voting instructions a procedure to be followed by absentee voters, such as notation of the facts on the back of the envelope duly signed by the voter and witnessing officer, in instances of adhesion of the balloting material;

(9) reduce in size and weight of paper, as much as possible, envelopes, ballots, and instructions

for voting procedures;

- (10) for the purposes of this subchapter, authorize oaths required by State law to be administered and attested by any commissioned officer in the active service of the Armed Forces, any member of the merchant marine of the United States designated for this purpose by the Secretary of Commerce, the head of any department or agency of the United States, any civilian official empowered by State or Federal law to administer oaths, or any civilian employee designated by the head of any department or agency of the United States;
- (11) include in State voting instructions express information concerning the type or types of writing instruments which may be used to mark the absentee ballot, preferably pen or indelible pencil; and
- (12) provide that absentee ballots will be available for mailing to the applicant as soon as practicable before the last date on which such ballot will be counted.

#### Sec. 1973cc-2. Statistical data

It is recommended that each of the several States make available to the officer designated by the President under section 1973cc-11 of this title appropriate statistical data to assist him in compiling comprehensive information of operations under this subchapter.

Sec. 1973cc-3. Personnel on military installations; acquisition of legal residence for voting purposes. It is recommended that each of the several States permit any person covered by section 1973cc(1) of this title who is otherwise fully qualified to register and vote in the State to acquire legal residence in that state, notwithstanding his residence on a military installation, and to register and vote in local, State and national elections.

#### PART II—RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Sec. 1973cc-11. Presidential designee to coordinate and facilitate actions to discharge Federal responsibilities; report

The President is authorized to designate, with provision for redelegation, the head (hereinafter referred to as the Presidential designee) of any executive department or agency to coordinate and facilitate such actions as may be required to discharge Federal responsibilities under this subchapter. The Presidential designee is authorized to request from other executive departments and agencies such assistance as he deems necessary to effectuate the purpose of this subchapter, and shall submit a report to the President and to the Congress in odd-numbered years. Such report shall cover the administration of Federal responsibilities authorized under this part, the progress of the States in carrying out the recommendations contained in Part I of this subchapter, statistical data relating to absentee voting, and such other information as the Presidential designee may consider appropriate.

Sec. 1973cc-12. Current absentee voting information

The Presidential designee shall request annually or more often when appropriate, each State to furnish him with current absentee voting information for such State. Such information shall include election dates, officers to be elected, constitutional amendments, and other proposals to be voted on, absentee registration and voting procedures, any provision under such State's law requiring the removal of the name of any person from such State's registration roll (for whatever reason), information related to the number of absentee voters in a State who are entitled to vote in Federal elections under this subchapter, and other relevant data. As soon as possible after receipt of such information, he shall furnish

it to the departments and agencies of the executive branch affected by this subchapter. Such departments and agencies are authorized to reprint and distribute such information to the extent necessary.

Sec. 1973cc-13. Cooperation of Government officials; drafts of state legislation; printing and transmitting of post cards

All Government officials shall, to the extent practicable and compatible with their primary responsibilities cooperate with the Presidential designee in carrying out the purposes of this subchapter. All such officials shall, as far as practicable, take all reasonable measures to expedite, transmit, deliver, and return post cards, ballots, envelopes, and instructions for voting procedures mailed to or by persons to whom this subchapter is applicable. In addition, and as requested by the Presidential designee, it shall be the duty of—

- (1) the Attorney General to cooperate and advise with the government of the several states in the formulation of drafts of State legislation designed to implement the recommendations for State action contained in this subchapter;
- (2) the Administrator of General Services to cause to be printed and distributed post cards for use in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter. Such post cards shall be delivered by the department or agency concerned to persons to whom this subchapter is applicable for use at any general election at which electors for President and Vice President or Senators and Representatives are to be voted for. For use in such elections, post cards shall be in the hands of the persons concerned not later than August 15 before the election if they are outside the territorial limits of the United States and not later than September 15 before the election if they are inside the territorial limits of the United States. To the extent practicable and compatible with other operations, post cards shall also be made available at appropriate times to such persons for use in other general, primary, and special elections; and
- (3) the Postmaster General and the heads of the departments and agencies concerned to facilitate the transmission of balloting materials to and from persons to whom this subchapter is applicable. Any balloting material sent from the United States to such persons shall be sent by priority airmail or by the most expedited postal service available. Any balloting material sent to the United States by such persons shall be returned by priority airmail or by the most expedited service available, wherever practicable. In the case of ballots executed outside the United States by any such person, such ballots may be segregated from other forms of mail and placed in special bags marked with special tags printed and distributed for this purpose.

Sec. 1978cc-14. Form and content of post card application

The form of the Federal post card application shall be as follows:

- (a) The cards shall be approximately 9½ by 4½ inches in size.
- (b) Upon one side, perpendicular to the long dimension of the card, there shall be printed in black type the following:

### FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF CARD

### POST CARD APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

State or	Commonwealth of
	(Fill in name of State or Commonwealth)
(1)	I hereby request an absentee ballot to vote in the coming election:
	(GENERAL) (PRIMARY)* (SPECIAL) ELECTION (Strike out inapplicable words)
preference (If prime	* If a ballot is requested for a primary election, print your political party affiliation or ce in this box:  ary election is secret in your State, do not answer)  I am a citizen of the United States, eligible to vote in above State, and am:  a. A member of the Armed Forces of the United States  b. A member of the merchant marine of the United States  c. A citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the the District of Columbia  d. A spouse or dependent of a person listed in (a) or (b) above
(4)	e. A spouse or dependent residing with or accompanying a person described in (c) above  I was born on
	(Day) (Month) (Year)
	For——years preceding the above election my home (not military) residence in the above been————
	(Street and number or rural route, etc.)
	ounty or parish of————. The voting precinct or election district for this residence
is————————————————————————————————————	Remarks:
(7)	Mail my ballot to the following official address: For those assigned in the U.S.:
	(Unit (Co., Sq., Trg., Bn., etc.), Govt. Agency, or Office)
	(Military Base, Station, Camp, Fort, Ship, Airfield, etc.)
	For those assigned elsewhere:
	(APO or FPO numb s)
	I am NOT requesting a ballot from any other State and am not voting in any other manne in this election except by absentee process, and have not voted and do not intend to vote in this election at any other address:
(9)	(Signature of person requesting ballot)
(10)	(Full name, typed or printed with rank or grade, and service number)
(11)	Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Day, month, and year)
(Typed	or printed name of official administering oath) (Signature of official administering oath)

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Before filling out this form see your voting officer in regard to the voting laws of your state and absentee registration and voting procedures.
  - B. Type or print all entries except signatures. FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF CARD
- C. Address card to proper State official. Your voting officer or commanding officer will furnish you his title and address.
  - D. Mail card as soon as your state will accept your application.
  - E. No postage is required for the card.
  - (c) Upon the other side of the card there shall be printed in red type the following:

F	ILL OUT BOTH	SIDES OF THE CA	ARD	
	er standing o		FRI	EE of U.S. Postag cluding Air Mail
				Official mailing address
OFFICIAL EL	ECTION BALLO	TING MATERIAL	-VIA AIR MAIL	
			To:	(Title of Election Official)
				(County or Township)
				(City or Town, State)

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section the Presidential designee shall design, for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this subchapter and the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975, [42 U.S.C. 1973dd et seq.], a single form of postcard application for registration to vote and for an absentee ballot. The Presidential designee is empowered to promulgate such form by regulation and upon adoption of such forms, subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section shall have no effect.

### Sec. 1973cc-15. Post card for election for Members of Congress

The previously authorized Federal post card form shall be utilized prior to and in connection with the election for Members of Congress next ensuing after August 9, 1955, and the Presidential designee shall initiate action to make such forms available to departments and agencies having a need therefor. Thereafter only the post card form authorized in this subchapter shall be utilized.

### PART III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Sec. 1973cc-21. Definitions

As used in this subchapter-

- (1) The term "Armed Forces" means the uniformed services as defined in section 101 of title 37.
- (2) The term "member of the merchant marine of the United States" means persons (other than members of the Armed Forces) employed as officers or members of crews of vessels documented under the laws of the United States, or of vessels owned by the United States, or of vessels of foreign-flag registry under charter to or control of the United States, and persons (other than members of the Armed Forces) enrolled with the United States for employment, or for training for employment, or maintained by the United States for emergency relief service, as officers or members of crews of any such vessels; but does not include persons so employed, or enrolled for such employment or for training for such employment, or maintained for such emergency relief service, on the Great Lakes or the inland waterways.
  - (3) The term "dependent" means any person who is in fact a dependent.

### Sec. 19733cc-22. Free postage

Official post cards, ballots, voting instructions, and envelopes referred to in this subchapter, whether transmitted individually or in bulk, shall be free of postage, including air-mail postage, in the United States mails.

### Sec. 1973cc-23. Prevention of fraud and coercion

Every individual concerned with the administration of this subchapter shall take all necessary steps to prevent fraud, to protect voters against coercion of any sort, and to safeguard the integrity and secrecy of ballots cast.

### Sec. 1973cc-24. Acts done in good faith

No act done in good faith under this subchapter by a person serving in or with the Federal or military service of the United States in the exercise of his judgment as to what was practicable and compatible with military, merchant marine, or other Federal governmental operations, shall constitute a violation of any provision of law relating to the elective franchise.

### Sec. 1973cc-25. Undue influence; free discussion

It shall be unlawful for any commissioned, noncommissioned, warrant, or petty officer in the Armed Forces (1) to attempt to influence any member of the Armed Forces to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate, or (2) to require any member of the Armed Forces to march to any polling place or place of voting, but nothing in this subchapter shall be deemed to prohibit free discussion regarding political issues or candidates for public office.

### Sec. 1973cc-26. Authorization of Appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

# APPENDIX D Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975, as Amended

### OVERSEAS CITIZENS VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1975, AS AMENDED

(42 U.S.C. 1973dd et seq.)

Sec. 1973dd. Definitions

For the purposes of this subchapter, the term-

- (1) "Federal election" means any general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting, nominating, or electing any candidate for the office of President, Vice President, Presidential elector, Member of the United States Senate, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Delegate from the District of Columbia, Resident Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Delegate from Guam, or Delegate from the Virgin Islands;
  - (2) "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands;
  - (3) "United States" includes the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, but does not include American Samoa, the Canal Zone, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States; and
  - (4) "official postcard" means a postcard application for registration to vote and for an absentee ballot in the form provided in section 1973cc-14(d) of this title.

Sec. 1973dd-1. Qualifications for registration and vote by absentee ballot

Each citizen residing outside the United States shall have the right to register absentee for, and to vote by, an absentee ballot in any Federal election in the State, or any election district of such State, in which he was last domiciled immediately prior to his departure from the United States and in which he could have met all qualifications (except any qualification relating to minimum voting age) to vote in Federal elections under any present law, even though while residing outside the United States he does not have a place of abode or other address in such State or district, and his intent to return to such State or district may be uncertain, if—

- (1) he has complied with all applicable State or district qualifications and requirements, which are consistent with this subchapter, concerning absentee registration for, and voting by, absentee ballots;
- (2) he does not maintain a domicile, is not registered to vote, and is not voting in any other State or election district of a State or territory or in any territory or possession of the United States; and
- (3) he has a valid passport or card of identity and registration issued under the authority of the Secretary of State or, in lieu thereof, an alternative form of identification consistent with this subchapter and applicable State or district requirements, if a citizen does not possess a valid passport or card of identity and registration.

Sec. 1973dd-2. State provisions for registration and vote by absentee ballot

(a) Each State shall provide by law for the absentee registration or other means of absentee qualification of all citizens residing outside the United States and entitled to vote in a Federal election in such State pursuant to section 1973dd-1 of this title whose application to vote in such election is received by the appropriate election official of such State not later than thirty days immediately prior to any such election.

- (b) Each State shall provide by law for the casting of absentee ballots for Federal elections by all citizens residing outside the United States who—
  - (1) are entitled to vote in such State pursuant to section 1973dd-1 of this title;
  - (2) have registered or otherwise qualified to vote under subsection (a) of this section; and
  - (3) have returned such ballots to the appropriate election official of such State in sufficient time so that such ballot is received by such election official not later than the time of closing of the polls in such State on the day of such election.
  - (c) In carrying out the provisions of this section, it is recommended that each State—
  - (1) accept any official postcard which is duly executed by any person who meets the requirements in section 1973dd-1 of this title as a simultaneous application for registration under such State's election laws and for an absentee ballot under such State's absentee balloting laws:
  - (2) if a special application is required for registration by mail, provide that the necessary forms will be sent with the absentee ballot and may be returned with it;
  - (3) authorize and instruct the State or local election officials, upon receipt of any official postcard application or any other application for registration to vote or an absentee ballot, to mail immediately to the applicant a ballot, instructions for voting and returning the ballot, and a self-addressed envelope; and
  - (4) provide that there be printed across the face of each envelope the words "Official Election Balloting Material-Via Air Mail", or similar language.

### Sec. 1973dd-2a. Current absentee voting information

- (a) The Presidential designee under section 1973cc-11 of this title (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the "Presidential designee") shall request, when appropriate, each State to furnish him with information on the current absentee registration and voting procedures of each State pertaining to citizens entitled to vote in Federal elections under this subchapter. Such information shall include election dates, officers to be elected, any provisions under such State's law requiring the removal of the name of any person from such State's voter registration roll (for whatever reason), and information related to the number of absentee voters in such State who are entitled to vote in Federal elections under this subchapter. Where consistent with their respective duties, appropriate departments or agencies of the Federal Government shall assist and cooperate with the Presidential designee, both in the collection of such information and in its dissemination to persons who meet the requirements in section 1973dd-1 of this title.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall publicize, in the manner best designed to reach the persons meeting the requirements in section 1973dd-1 of this title—
  - (1) the right of such persons to vote in Federal elections and the procedures available to such persons to enforce that right, as provided in this subchapter; and
  - (2) with the assistance of the Postmaster General, the availability of expedited mail delivery of balloting material under this subchapter. The Presidential designee shall notify all appropriate State and local election officials of such availability under this subchapter and under the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 (42 U.S.C. 1973cc et seq).

### Sec. 1973dd-2b. Printing and transmitting of voting material

### (a) Official postcards; availability

The Administrator of General Services shall cause to be printed and distributed to the Department of Justice, the Department of State, and any other appropriate department or agency of the Federal Government official postcards for use in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter as directed by the Presidential designee. Such departments or agencies shall deliver or make available such postcards to persons meeting the requirements in section 1973dd-1 of this title not later than August 15 immediately before any general Federal election for use in such election. To the extent practicable, such postcards shall also be made available at appropriate times to such persons for use in special or primary Federal elections.

- (b) Facilitation of transmission; priority mail; segregation from other mail
- (1) The Postmaster General, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the head of any other appropriate department or agency of the Federal Government shall facilitate the transmission of balloting material, including official postcards, absentee ballots, voting instructions, and envelopes for the return of such ballots, to and from persons meeting the requirements in section 1973dd-1 of this title.

- (2) Any balloting material sent from the United States to any person meeting the requirements in section 1973dd-1 of this title shall be sent by priority airmail or by the most expedited postal service available.
- (3) Any balloting material sent to the United States by any person meeting the requirements in section 1973dd-1 of this title shall be returned by priority airmail or by the most expedited service available, wherever practicable. Such material may be mailed from any Armed Forces post office in an overseas area established as provided in section 406 of title 39, unless otherwise prohibited by any treaty or other agreement between the United States and a foreign country. In the case of ballots executed outside the United States by any person, such ballots may be segregated from other forms of mail and placed in special bags marked with special tags printed and distributed by the Postmaster General for this purpose.

### (c) Free postage

Official postcards, ballots, voting instructions, and envelopes whether transmitted individually or in bulk, shall be free of postage, including airmail postage, when sent from the United States in the United States mails.

### Sec. 1973dd-3. Enforcement by Attorney General

### (a) Jurisdiction of courts

Whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe that a State or election district undertakes to deny the right to register or vote in any election in violation of section 1973dd-1 of this title or fails to take any action required by section 1973dd-2 of this title, he may institute for the United States, or in the name of the United States, an action in district court of the United States, in accordance with sections 1391 through 1393 of Title 28 for a restraining order, a preliminary or permanent injunction, or such other order as he deems appropriate.

(b) Depriving of attempting to deprive persons of secured rights; penalties

Whoever knowingly or willfully shall deprive or attempt to deprive any person of any right secured by this subchapter shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both-

(c) Giving or conspiring to give false information; payment or acceptance of money; penalties Whoever knowingly or willfully gives false information as to his name, address, or period of residence for the purpose of establishing his eligibility to register, qualify, or vote under this subchapter, or conspires with another individual for the purpose of encouraging the giving of false information in order to establish the eligibility of any individual to register, qualify, or vote under this subchapter, or pays, or offers to pay, or accepts payment either for registration to vote or for voting shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

### Sec. 1973dd-4. Separabilty of provisions

If any provision of this subchapter is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the subchapter shall not be affected.

Sec. 1973dd-5. Applicability to State registration requirements and voting practices; determination of residence or domicile for tax purposes

- (a) Nothing in this subchapter shall—
- (1) be deemed to require registration in any State or election district in which registration is not required as a precondition to voting in any Federal election; or
- (2) prevent any State or election district from adopting or following any voting practice which is less restrictive than the practices prescribed by this subchapter.
- (b) The exercise of any right to register or vote in Federal elections by any citizen outside the United States shall not affect the determination of his place of residence or domicile for purposes of any tax imposed under Federal, State or local law.

### Sec. 1973dd-6. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

### 214 VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE

Ex. ORD. NO. 10646. DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AS COORDINATOR Ex. ORD. NO. 10646, Nov 22, 1955, 20 F.R. 86181, provided:

- 1. The Secretary of Defense is hereby designated as the official to coordinate and facilitate such actions as may be required to discharge Federal responsibilities under the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955.
- 2. In order to effectuate the purposes of the said act, the Secretary of Defense is hereby authorized to delegate any or all of the functions, responsibilities, powers, authority, or discretion devolving upon him in consequence of this order to any person or persons within the Department of Defense.

### **APPENDIX E Model Command Information Program**

### SAMPLE OUTLINE

- 1. Introductory remarks.
- 2. Armed Forces Information Film 281 (motivational; approximate length, 23 minutes).
- 3. Remarks by commander, voting assistance officers and counselors, and local election officials.
  - A. Scope of 1978 elections, and possible ballot items.
    - 1) Contested offices:
      - a. House of Representatives and one-third of Senate; and
      - b. Governors and thousands of State and local officials.
    - 2) State and local referendums and initiatives.
  - B. Effect of elections on citizens.
    - 1) Powers of elected officials.
    - 2) Examples of subject areas where political decisions have great impact on the individual;
      - a. Pay, benefits, education, and retirement;
      - b. Federal, State and local taxation;
      - How and where to spend tax dollars;
      - d. Costs of goods and services;
      - e. Availability of energy;
      - f. Environmental quality;
      - g. Questions of war and peace; and
      - h. Public and industrial safety and working conditions.
  - C. How to exercise the right to vote.
    - 1) Eligibility requirements:
      - a. Age;
      - b. Citizenship;
      - c. Registration (if required); and
      - d. Various State and local qualifications.
    - 2) Obtaining absentee ballot:

The Federal Post Card Application (function, use, and where to obtain additional ones).

- 3) Voting assistance:
  - a. Scope: and
  - b. Where and when available.
- 4) How and where to obtain other information:
  - a. Candidates;
  - b. Issues; and
  - c. Rules, procedures, and deadlines.
- 5) Voting assistance for spouses and dependents.
- 6) Registration and voting locally.
- 4. Armed Forces Information Film 265 (Procedural; approximate length, 19 minutes).
- 5. Summary; questions and answers.

### Ballot Transmission Time Monitoring Form APPENDIX F

Name of Voting Assistance Office/Counselor Title					
Department or Agency Location					
NAME OF VOTER	DATE FPCA FOR BALLOT MAILED	LOCATION TO WHICH FPCA MAILED	DATE BALLOT RECEIVED BY VOTER		
			1		

## APPENDIX F Ballot Transmission Time Monitoring Form

NAME OF VOTER	DATE FPCA FOR BALLOT MAILED	LOCATION TO WHICH FPCA MAILED	DATE BALLOT RECEIVED BY VOTER
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### **APPENDIX G** State Income Tax Liability

INTRODUCTION TO APPENDIX G-State Income Taxation of United States Citizens Residing Outside of the United States.

Federal law provides that the exercise of the right to register or vote in Federal elections by any citizen outside the United States shall not affect the determination of his place of residence or domicle for purposes of any tax imposed under Federal, State or local law.

The Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress has prepared the following analysis of the laws of the fifty States respecting the taxation of income of United States citizens domiciled within the particular States but residing abroad. Specifically, the analysis is divided into four substantive sections, examining different features of State law tax.

Section I of this appendix discusses the definition of domicile used by each State for income tax purposes and the broad tax base adopted by many States, which can result in the inclusion of foreign income earned by domiciliaries of the State. This Section is divided into a discussion of the definition of domicile and residency for State income tax purposes, the tax base used by the State, and the probable income tax obligation in one of these States for domiciliaries residing abroad.

In this context, furthermore, special notation is made where State domicile or residency is determined in whole or in part by voting within the State. Also, where special rules apply to military personnel, these are also noted.

In regard to the special rules applicable to military personnel, a number of States merely refer to the tax provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, presently found at title 50 (Appendix) of the United States Colle, section 574. Generally, this section of the Federal law provides that for State income tax purpos an individual does not lose domicile in a specific State solely "by reason of being absent therefrom in compliance with military or naval orders." Furthermore, the same law also provides that, for State income tax purposes, an individual does not acquire residence or domicile solely because of location under military orders. The Act also states that where an individual is not deemed to reside or be domiciled in a State, military income will be treated by that State as nonresident income.

Section II of this appendix discusses the laws of those States which permit their domiciliaries or citizens to credit against State income tax liabilities the taxes paid to a foreign government. In many cases, these States merely permit credit of any taxes paid outside of the State, to other States or to foreign governments.

Section III of this appendix discusses the laws of those States which provide a general or limited exemption from income of a portion of the earned income of United States citizens residing abroad. This Section of the appendix, however, may create some difficult construction problems.

Prior to the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978, the Federal income tax laws permitted United States citizens who resided abroad to exclude from their gross income up to \$25,000 of income earned abroad under section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended prior to 1978 (hereinafter "Code"). The Tax Reform Act of 1976, Public Law 94-455, 94th Cong., 2d Sess. (1976), sought to limit and modify the rules of Code section 911. Concern over the potential impact of this provision, however, led to its suspension in 1977. Public Law 95-30, 95th Cong., 1st Sess. (1977).

The Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978, Public Law 95-615, 95th Cong., 2d Sess. (1978) provides new rules for the treatment of the income earned abroad by United States citizens. Under new sections 911 through 913 of the Code, United States citizens residing abroad are entitled to a series of special deductions if they incur extraordinary living and other costs. Generally, these special deductions include an "excess living cost deduction" under Code section 913, a special \$5,000 deduction for taxpayers working in certain hardship areas, a \$20,000 deduction for taxpayers working in camps in certain hardship areas, under Code section 911, and a liberalized moving expense deduction. See Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, 96th Cong., 1st Sess., General Explanation of the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1979 (February 23, 1979) (Committee Print).

This 1978 change in the Federal income tax laws has created certain State law problems. Many States formerly referred to section 911 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and adopted its provisions by reference for use in State tax law. However, section 911 no longer provides the total of Federal income tax treatment of the costs of United States citizens residing abroad, but only one small portion of those provisions. Therefore, it is necessary for State legislatures which wish to adopt the Federal treatment into their State laws to change their cross references. Not all legislatures have accomplished this change. Failures to change their references are noted in this Section of the report.

Section IV of this appendix lists those States which do not impose an income tax. Since no income tax is imposed, there can really be no substantive discussion of the treatment of United States citizens domiciled in the State but residing abroad. Eight States impose no income tax. States which tax only certain types of income, such as dividends and interest (see discussions of Tennessee and Connecticut) are

discussed under the general tax provisions discussions.

Parts of this appendix may not be accurate after the end of 1981 because the appendix does not take into account changes in the Federal foreign earned income rules which were made by the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, P.L. 97-34, which was signed into law on August 13, 1981. This law amends section 911 and repeals section 913 of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years beginning in 1982. There is no way of knowing at this early date what the response of each of the States to these changes in the Federal law might be.

The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 is essentially a return to the pre-1976 system. Instead of the present law deductions and exclusions, the new amendment will provide for two. In 1982 taxpayers living abroad who are present in a foreign country or countries for 330 days out of any 12 consecutive months will be able to exclude up to \$75,000 of foreign earned income plus the housing cost amount. Each year after 1982 until 1986, the excludable amount of income will increase by \$5,000. For 1986 and there-

after, the permanent exclusion will be \$95,000 per year.

The housing cost amount is the excess of the taxpayer's expenses over a base housing amount. The base housing amount is equal to 16 percent of the salary of a GS-14 government employee. Currently, this salary is \$39,689 so the current base housing amount would be \$6,350. Housing costs provided by an employer may be excluded from the gross income of the employee. In line with this, section 119 of the Code is also amended to provide that lodging furnished in an overseas camp may be excluded from the employee's income.

For further information, consult the conference committee report on the Economic Recovery Tax

Act of 1981, S. Rep. No. 176, 97th. Cong., 1st Sess. 20–26, 203–205 (1981).

Since the Tax Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-455) removed the prohibition on withholding of State income taxes from the pay of members of the armed services, most States and the District of Columbia have signed agreements with the Treasury Department which provide for the withholding of State income taxes from the pay of service members. The text of the standard agreement may be found at 31 Code of Federal Regulations 215.8, 215.11 (1980). The following States do not have standard agreements with the Treasury Department to withhold State income taxes from the pay of members of the armed services: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wyoming.

The information contained in this report is accurate through the end of the 1980 Legislative session of each State. The dates that are indicated at the end of the State code citations are the dates of the most recent amendment to that section of the Code, rather than the customary reference to the date of the cited

volume.

sheet include : poter registration and exercise of suffrage during the last three elections, domicile of birth, physical presence, expressed intentions, family residence, duty causing absence from Arkansas, State licenses, location of substantial real and property holdings, community affiliations, business interests, bulk or necessary purchases, utility or telephone deposits, and local taxes and licenses. Ark. Tax. Reg., Art. 7.84-2002(10). The Arkansas Tax Regulations state that any resident member of the Armed Forces who at the time of the induction into such service was a resident of this state, continues to be a resident of this State, even though he or she has been inducted into the Armed Service outside of the State and does not return to the State until after such service is ended. A member of the Armed Service who at the time of induction was a resident of any State other than Arkanass is for income tax purposes a nonresident even though he was inducted into the service within Arkansas and he remains in the Service within Arkansas.

Ark. Tax. Reg., Art. 1.84-2010.

I. STATES HAVING A BROAD TAX ON INCOME EARNED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES Rtate Income tax coverage Tax bess Probable tax obligation Domicile, maintaining a permanent place of The entire net income of domiciliaries and resi- Residents-subject to state income abode within the State, or spending in the dents as defined by the statute. Ala. Code tax on all income aggregate more than seven months of the year tit. 40, \$ 18-2 (1975). Nonresidents-taxable on income within the State, Ala. Code tit. 40, \$ 18-2 from property owned or business (1975). transacted in Alabama. Voting in Alabama is a factor considered by the Nonresidents taxable on income from property Resident military personnel-Subcourts in determining whether an individual owned or business transacted in Alabama. ject to state income tax on all inis domiciled in Alabama for tax purposes. Ala. Code tit. 40. 4 18-2(1975). come except income received for State ex rei. Rabren v. Barter, 46 Ala. App. Resident military personnel taxable on entire active combat duty. 134, 239 So.2d 206 (1970). net income except income received for active Nonresident military personnel-The Alabama Tax Regulations state that milicombat duty Subject to state income tax on tary personnel domiciled in Alabama, con-Nonresident military personnel are not taxed nonmilitary income earned withtinue to be domiciliaries, irrespective of their on military pay received while stationed in in the State. period of absence or actual place of residence Alabama, Ala, Tax, Reg. 2.5. Wives of military personneluntil proof of change of domicile or residence Wives of military personnel taxable on income taxable on income earned within earned within the State. Military personnel has been made. If domicile has changed, the the State. burden of proof is on the taxpayer though he taxable on nonmilitary income earned within owns no property, earns no income, and has no place of abode in Alabama. Ala. Tax. Regs., 2.2.2.4. Residents and nonresidents—The term resident The entire income of every resident and domi-Residents-Subject to State inis defined to include any natural person domiciliary as defined by the statute. 7B Ark. Stat. come tax on all income. ciled in the State and any natural person who Ann. § 84-2003(a). The entire net income of Nonresidents-Subject to State inmaintains a permanent place of abode in the nonresidents from all property owned, and come tax on all net income from State and spends in the aggregate more than from every business, trade or occupation sources within the State as 6 months of the taxable year within the State. carried on in Arkansas, 7B Ark, Stat. Ann. previously defined. 7B Ark, Stat. Ann. § 84-2002 (1980). \$ 84-2003(c)(1980). Resident military personnel-Sub-The Arkansas Tax Regulations state that a Resident military personnel taxable on all inject to State income tax on entire domicile does not end by physical absence come except for the first \$6,000 of service pay or income except for the first \$6,000 alone and is presumed to continue until a new allowances. Nonresident military personnel of military pay and allowances. taxable on net income from non-military domicile is legally established. The regulations contain a fact sheet listing the various factors sources earned within the State. 7B Ark. Stat. to be taken into consideration in determining Ann. §§ 84-2009-2011 (1980). whether a new domicile has been established. The elements of a new domicile on the fact

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#### California

Residents-The term resident for income tax purposes includes: (a) every individual who is in the State for other than a temporary or transitory purpose, and (b) every individual domiciled in the State who is outside the State for a temporary or transitory purpose. Any individual who is a resident of the State continues to be a resident even though temporarily absent from the State. An individual domiciled in California is absent from the State for a temporary purpose if such absence is by reason of (1) holding an elected or appointed office in the Federal government or working on the staff of an elected officer of the legislative branch of the U.S. Government. Cal. Rev. & Tax Code | 17014 (1974).

Every individual who spends in the aggregate more than nine months of the taxabley ear within the State is presumed to be a resident. Cal Ray & Tax Code \$ 17016 (1970)

The California Franci ise Tax Board has decided that a Career Serviceman becomes a nonresident when he leaves California under permament change status orders. FTB, LR 300, Apr. 23, 1965. A member of the armed forces owning a house in California is not a resident of the State where his presence resulted from military orders and his assignments were temporary in nature. FTB, LR 300, Apr. 23, 1965. A nonresident woman who marries a California

resident while he is serving in the Armed Forces outside of California is not a resident of California until they return to California. FTB, LR 149, Dec. 5, 1958.

The California State Board of Equilization stated that a merchant seaman who owns a home and maintains a bank account in California and who is not a resident of any other state is considered to be a resident of California for tax purposes, even though he spent 210 days aboard ship. Appeal of Bernard and Helen Fernandez, SBE, June 2, 1971.

The entire taxable income of a resident of the Residents-Subject to State income State. Cal. Rev. & Tax. Code § 17041(a) (1978). The entire taxable income of a nonresident of the State which is derived from sources within the State.

The entire taxable income of resident military personnel except for: (1) \$1,000 active duty pay (2) all mustering out pay (3) terminal leave pay and (4) the pay of a noncommissioned officer for active service in a combat zone or hospitalization as a result of such service. Nonresident miliary personnel are not taxed on military income received while stationed in California. Wives of military personnel taxable on income derived from sources within the State. Cal. Rev. & Tax Code # 17146-17147 (1978).

T'e entire taxable income of a merchant seaman who is a resident of the State.

tax on all taxable income. Nonresidents-Subject to State income tax on all taxable income derived from sources within the State.

Resident military personnel-Subject to State income tax on all taxable income except for: (1) \$1,000 active duty pay (2) mustering out pay (3) terminal leave pay, and (4) the pay of a noncommissioned officer for active service in a combat zone or hospitalization as a result of such service. Nonresident military personnel-Subject to State tax on nonmilitary taxable income derived from sources within the State. Wives of military personnel-Subject to State income tax on all taxable income derived from sources within the State.

Resident Merchant seamen-Subject to State income tax on all texable income.

District of Columbia Residents-The word resident is defined as every individual domiciled within the District on the last day of the taxable year, and every other individual who maintains a place of abode within the District for more than seven months of the taxable year, whether domiciled in the District or not. D.C. Code Tit. 47, § 1551c(g) (1978).

Under an earlier District of Columbia tax law, the Supreme Court held that domicile is a question of fact settled by an examination of all of the factors showing a person's intention, such as political rights, physical presence, and business contacts. The Court found that whether or not a person votes where he claims domicile is highly relevant, but by no means controlling on the question whether he is domiciled in the District of Columbia, nor is failure to vote elsewhere conclusive that domicile is in the District. District of Columbia v. Murphy, 314 U.S. 441 (1941).

The net taxable income of residents. D.C. Code Residents-Subject to D.C. in-§§ 47-1567, 47-1567b. The District of Columbia is precluded from levying a nonresident income tax by Public Law 93-198 § 602(a).

The District of Columbia excludes from gross income pensions or annuities for personal injuries or sickness incurred in the Armed Forces D.C. Code § 47-1557a (b) (9) (B). See Internal Revenue Code § 104(a) (4).

come tax on net taxable income Nonresidents-Not subject to the income tax.

Military personnel-not subject to income tax on pensions or annuities for personal injuries or sickness incurred in the Armed Forces.

### I. STATES HAVING A BROAD TAX ON INCOME EARNED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES—Continued

State Income tax coverage Probable tax obligation District of Military personnel are not deemed to have lost or Columbia acquired a resident of domicile in a State, Territory or possession solely by being absent or present in the State or Territory solely because of military or naval orders. Soldiers and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, Oct. 9, 1962, Public Law 87-771, 76 Stat. 768 (Title 50 app. USC Residents and nonresidents-The term resident (1) The net income of residents defined generally Residents-subject to tax on all in-Louislana is defined as every natural person domiciled in as gross income of whatever kind minus the come reportable for Federal purthe State, and every other natural person who deductions allowed. La. Rev. Stat. # 47-31, poses with certain exceptions. 41, 293(5)(a) (1978). maintains a permanent place of abode within Nonresidents-subject to tax on inor who spends in the aggregate more than (2) The net income of nonresidents earned or de-6 months of the taxable year within the State. rived from sources within the State without reduction for Federal income taxes paid. La. La. Rev. Stat. § 47-31 (1970). The Louisiana Tax Regulations state that domi-Rev. Stat. \$\$ 47-241, 47-293(5)(b) (1978). Rev. Stat. 4 47-293(5)(b). cile is a factual determination of intent to re-(3) The gross income of military personnel does Resident military personnel-submain in or return to Louisiana. Examples in not include pensions or annuities for sickness the Regulations indicate that an individual incurred in the Armed Forces. La. Rev. Stat. may spend large portions of his or her time § 47-47(4) (1970). outside of Louisians without relinquishing (4) Military pay of nonresident serviceman sta domicile. La. Inc. Tax Regs. § 31.2. tioned within Louisiana is not taxable by See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. Louisians. See Soldiers and Sailor Relief Act, Nonresident military personnel-

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#### Mississizal

New Jersey

is defined as any person demiciled in the State and any other person who maintains a legal or actual residence within the State. Miss. Code \$ 27-7-3(e) (1972).

The term nonresident is defined as any natural person whose domicile and place of abode is without the State. Miss. Code § 27-7-3(f).

The Mississippi Tax Regulations defined legal resident as one who maintains a place of abode in Mississippi or who exercises legal rights such as voting. One can be a legal resident though domiciled elsewhere. Miss. Tax Reg. § 1.27-7-

The Mississippi Tax Regulations state that members of the Armed Forces who claim Mississippi as their state of legal residence/domicile are liable for Mississippi income tax on their income. Nonresident members of the Armed Forces stationed in Mississippi, who realize income from nonmilitary sources within the state must file a nonresident Individual Income Tax Return. Miss. Tax. Regs. 1.27-7-15(32).

unless they maintain no permanent place of abode in the State, maintain a permanent place of abode elsewhere, and spend an aggregate of not more than 30 days in the State and (2) persons not domiciled in New Jersey who maintain a permanent place of abode in the State and spend an aggregate of more than 183 days in the State, unless such individual is in the Armed Forces of the United States. N.J. Stat. Ann. 54A1-2(m) (1978).

Residents and nonresidents—The term resident The entire net income of residents. Miss. Code Residents—Subject to tax on their \$ 27-7-5. The entire net income of nonresidents from sources within Mississippi, Miss. Code § 27-7-5.

Mississippi excludes from gross income: (1) the first \$500 per month received as compensation Military personnel-not subject to for active service in a combat zone or during hospitalization as a result of such service and, (2) hazardous duty combat pay to members of the Armed Forces. Miss. Code § 27-7-15(4). The entire net income of spouses of military personnel of nonmilitary pay from sources within Missis ippi is taxable. Miss. Tax. Regs. 1.27-7-15(32).

come derived from sources within Louisiana without reduction for Federal income tax paid. La.

fect to tax on military compensation except for pensions or annuities for personal injuries or sickness incurred in the Armed

subject to tax on nonmilitary pay from sources within Louisiana.

entire net income. Nonresident-Subject to tax on their entire nat income from sources within Mississippi.

income tax on: (1) the first \$500 per month compensation for active service in a combat zone or during hospitalization as a result of such service and, (2) hazardous duty combat pay.

Spouses of military personnel-subject to tax on nonmilitary pay from sources within Mississippi.

Residents—Residents means (1) domiciliaries Residents—New Jersey gross income as defined Residents—Subject to tax on their by statute, N.J. Stat. Ann. 54A:2-1, 54A:5-1 (1978).

> Credit allowed for tax paid other State on income subject to New Jersey income tax. N.J. Stat. Ann. 54A:4-1 (1978).

> Nonresidents-Specified categories of New Jersey gross income to the extent they are earned, received or acquired from New Jersey sources. N.J. Stat. Ann. 54A:5-8.

New Jersey excludes from gross income: (1) pensions and annuities for personal injuries or sickness resulting from active service in the Armed Forces of the United States: (2) Compensation for service in the Armed Forces of the United States to an individual not domiciled in New Jersey; and (3) Musteringout payments to members of the Armed Forces of United States. N.J. Stat. Ann. 54A:6-6, 54A:6-7 (1978).

entire New Jersey gross income. Nonresidents-Subject to tax on

the specified categories of New Jersey gross income from New Jersey sources.

Military personnel-Subject to tax on specified categories of New Jersey gross income from New Jersey sources.

### I. STATES HAVING A BROAD TAX ON INCOME EARNED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES-Continued

State	Income tax coverage	Tax base	Probable tax obligation
South Carolina	Residents and nonresidents. The term resident is not defined in the South Carolina tax code. In the case of Phillip v. South Carolina Tax Commissioner, 195 S.C. 472, 12 S.E. 2d 13 (1940), the South Carolina Court of Appeals ruled that the term resident for tax purposes is the equivalent of domicile.  The wife of a service man stationed outside of South Carolina but retaining his legal residence there has her domicile in the State, even though she has not resided in South Carolina. Opinion of the Attorney General (I-OAG-3) March 28, 1967.	<ol> <li>The taxable income of residents as defined by the South Carolina tax Code. S. Car. Code § 12-7-210 (1977).</li> <li>Nonresidents—subject to tax on the net income from property owned or business carried on in South Carolina. S. Car. Code § 12-7-210 (1977).</li> <li>South Carolina excludes from gross income pay received by a member of the Armed Forces for service in a combat zone or for hospitalization resulting from the service. S.C. Tax. Regs. 117-87.47.</li> <li>Nonresident military personnel taxable on nonmilitary income earned from property owned or business carried on in South Carolina S.C. Tax. Regs. 117-87.32.</li> <li>Income earned in South Carolina by wives of servicemen is taxable to South Carolina, S.C. Tax Regs. 117-87.32.</li> </ol>	entire net income.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax of taxable income derived from sources within South Carolina.  Resident military personnel—subject to State tax on all taxable income as previously defined.  Nonresident military personnel—subject to State tax on all non military income from source within the State.
Теппедсе	Persons in the State—The term person, is defined as every natural person, inhabitant, resident * * * any person who has a legal domicile in Tennessee * * * every person who maintains a place of residence for more than 6 months in the tax year * * * regardless of what place such person may claim as legal domicile. Tenn. Code § 67-2601 (1974).  Military personnel are not defined as individuals subject to State income tax on military pay in the Tennessee tax code.	(1) The income of persons in the State from dividends on stock and interest on bonds. Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-2602.	Persons in the State—Subject to tax on dividends from stock and interest on bonds.
	II. STATES GRANTING AN INCOME TA	X CREDIT FOR FOREIGN INCOME TA	X PAID
		Tax base	Probable tax obligation

in the State for other than a temporary pu pose, and (2) every individual domiciled in porary or transitory purpose. Every individual who spends in the aggregate more than 9 months of the taxable year within the State is presumed to be a resident. Ariz. Stat. Ann. §§ 43-104(16), 43-104(21) (1980).

See Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act.

Ariz. Stat. Ann. § 43.1011 (1980).

the State who is outside the State for a tem- Residents are allowed a credit only for taxes Nonresidents-Subject to tax on paid to the other State or country on income derived from sources within that State or country which is taxable under the foreign laws without regard to the residence or domicile of the recipient. No credit is allowed if the Resident military personnel-Subother state or country allows residents of Arizona a credit against taxes imposed by that State or country for taxes paid to Arizona. Ariz, Stat. Ann. § 43-1071 (1980).

> Nonresidents are allowed a credit against Arizona taxes on meoma derived from sources within Arizona only if (1) the foreign country does not tax income of residents of Arizona derived from sources within that country or (2) allows residents of Arizona credit against taxes imposed by that country on such income for taxes paid to Arizona. Ariz. Stat. Ann. § 43-1096 (1980).

foreign taxes paid. net income derived from sources within Arizona with the possibility of receiving a credit for foreign taxes paid on such income. ject to tax on military compensation with the exclusion of \$1,000. Ariz. Stat. Ann. § 43-1022 (a) (1980).

### II. STATES GRANTING AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR FOREIGN INCOME TAX PAID-Continued

State	Income tax coverage	Tax base	Probable tax obligation
Hawaii	Residents and certain nonresidents. A resident is defined as every individual who resides in the State for other than a temporary or transitory purpose. Every individual who is in the State more than 200 days of the taxable year in the aggregate is presumed to be a resident. This presumption may be overcome by evidence satisfactory to the Department of taxation that the individual maintains a permanent place of abode outside of the State and is in the State for a temporary or transitory purpose. No person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence simply because of his presence or absence in compliance with military or naval orders. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 235-1 (1975).	received or derived from property owned, personal services performed, trade or business carried on, and any and every other source in the State by a nonresident. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 235-4 (1975).  The State gives taxpayers a credit against Hawaii income tax for taxes paid a foreign country on income taxable in both jurisdictions. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 235-55 (1968). Hawaii excludes combat pay from the gross income of resident members of the Armed Services.  Hawaii does not allow an exclusion for cost-of-	Nonresidents -Subject to tax on income derived from sources within Hawaii, with the possibility of a credit for foreign taxes paid.  Military personnel -Subject to tax on military compensation with the exclusion of combat pay.
Massachusetts	Residents and certain nonresidents—The term resident or inhabitant is defined as any natural person domiciled in the Commonwealth. The term nonresident is defined as any natural person whose domicile is outside the Commonwealth. Mass. Gen. L. Ann. ch. 62, § 1(f) (1980).  The Massachusetts Board of Tax Appeals has ruled that change of domicile from the Commonwealth to a foreign country requires greater proof of intent to abandon domicile than a change of domicile between States of the United States. Farr v. Commissioner, 1 Mass. B.T.A. 467 (1937).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The taxable income of residents defined as Federal adjusted gross income. However, Massachusetts does not allow the exclusion of income from sources without the United States in the computation of Massachusetts taxable income. Mass. Gen. L. Ann. ch. 62 § 2(1)(C) (1980). Massachusetts allows a credit for taxes paid to other States or the Dominion of Canada or any of its provinces, with certain limitations. Mass. Gen. L. Ann. ch. 62 § 6 (1980).  (2) The portion of Federal adjusted gross income of nonresidents derived from sources within Massachusetts. Mass. Gen. L. Ann. ch. 62 § 5A (1980).  (3) The compensation paid to military personnel for active duty shall be deemed to be from sources other than sources within the Commonwealth. Mass. Gen. L. Ann. ch. 62 § 5A (c) (1980).	eral adjusted gross income with- out the exclusion under § 911 of the Internal Revenue Code for income derived from sources without the United States. A credit for taxes paid to Canada or its provinces is allowed. Nouresidents—Subject to tax on the portion of Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Massachusetts.
North Carolina	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual who is domiciled in the State for other than a temporary or transitory purpose. Absent other evidence, residence in the State for over 6 months of the taxable year raises a presumption of permanent residence; but absence from the State for more than 6 months raises no presumption that the individual is not a resident. N.C. Gen. Stat. §105-135 (13) (1979).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The net income of residents as defined under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 105-136 (1979). (2) The net income of nonresidents for income derived from sources within North Carolina. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 105-136 (1979). North Carolina allows its residents a credit against taxes paid to foreign countries in certain instances. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 105-151 (1979). North Carolina excludes from gross income compensation paid to members of the armed forces for active duty in a combat zone or during hospitalization as a result of such service in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars per month. N.C. Gen. Stat. 105-141(12) (1980).	income with the possibility of a tax credit for taxes paid to a foreign country.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on net income derived from sources within North Carolina.
Penn <b>s</b> ylvanis	place of abode within the Commonwealth, maintains a permanent place of abode outside	(1) The entire income of residents defined under Pa. Stat. tit. 72 § 7303. (1940) (2) The income of nonresidents derived from sources within Pennsylvania. Pa. Stat. tit. 72 § 7303. (1980) Pennsylvania allows residents a credit for taxes paid to a foreign country on income also subject to tax in Pennsylvania. Pa. Stat. tit. 72 §§ 7301(t), 7314 (1980). Military pay earned outside of Pennsylvania and compensation received by servicemen in a combat zone are exempt from taxation in Pennsylvania. Pa. Stat. tit. 72 §§ 7301d, 3402-303 (6) (1980).	Residents—Subject to tax on income with a credit for taxes paid to a foreign country on income also subject to tax in Pennsylvania.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on income from sources within Pennsylvania.  Military personnel—Subject to tax on nonmilitary income from sources within Pennsylvania.

### III. STATES EXEMPTING INCOME EARNED ABROAD TO THE SAME EXTENT AS FEDERAL LAW (§§ 911-913 OF THE

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) Income tax coverage Probable tax obligation Tax base State Resident individuals and nonresidents-The The entire Federal adjusted gross income of Resident individuals-Subject to resident individuals, with certain modificaterm resident individual means a natural State income taxation on Federal tions not herein relevant. adjusted gross income (above the person who maintains a permanent place of abode within the State and who spends in the Since Colorado computes its own taxable income exclusions under §§ 911-913 of aggregate more than 6 months of the taxable from Federal adjusted gross income, the excluthe Internal Revenue Code). sions under ## 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Nonresident individuals-Subject year within the State. A nonresident individual means an individual other than a Code for income from sources without the to State income tax on Federal United States is apparently adopted by referresident individual. 16 Colo. Rev. Stat. adjusted gross income attribut-§ 39.22.103(10) (1973). ence into the computation of Colorado taxable to sources within Colorado. The Colorado Tax Regulations state that able income. 16 Col. Rev. Stat. § 39-22-110 Military personnel-subject to tax (1977). domicile is a factual matter and that the indion military pay with stated The entire Federal adjusted gross income of nonexclusions. widual's intent controls. The Regulations also state that domicile, once established is not resident individuals derived from sources within Colorado. 16 Colo. Rev. Stat. \$ 39-22lost until a new domicile is established. A voting residence is prima facie evidence of 115(2) (1973). domicile. Colo. tax. Reg. § 138-1-2-(10). Colorado disregards members of the Armed Forces of the United States for purposes of de-See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. termining income tax liability during a period of time: (1) Commencing with a declaration of war by Congress and ending 12 months after the termination of the war; and (2) when an individual is serving in an area designated as a combat zone and a period of 180 days after such service. 16 Colo, Rev. Stat. § 39.22-610 (1977). Colorado subtracts retirement pay, pensions and annuities of members of the Armed Forces from Federal Adjusted gross income. 16 Colo. Rev. Stat. \$\$ 39-22-110 (i), 39-22-110(j) (1977). Since Colorado computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under § 112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any menth during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Colorado taxable income, 16 Colo. Rev. Stat. \$ 39-22-110 (1977). Tax on all resident individuals on all net gains Residents-Subject to Tax on cer-Residents-Resident means (1) domiciliaries Connecticut from the sale or exchange of capital assets as unless they maintain no permanent place of determined for Federal income tax purposes, abode in the State, maintain a permanent income. place of abode elsewhere and spend in the agand if the taxpayer's Federal adjusted gross in-Military personnel-not taxed on gregate not more than 30 days of the taxable come equals or exceeds \$20,000 on all dividend military compensation. year in the State and (2) nondomiciliaries who income, Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. 12-505, 506 (1977). maintain a permanent place of abode in the State and are in the State for an aggregate of Military personnel are not taxed on military more than 183 days, Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. 12compensation. 505 (1979). See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. The entire taxable income of every resident indi- Resident individuals-Subject to Resident individuals and nonresident individuals. A resident individual is defined as one vidual defined as such individual's Federal adjusted gross income with certain modificawho is domiciled in the State for any part of the taxable year to the extent of the period of tions not herein relevant, 15 Del. Code Ann. the Internal Revenue Code). such domicile; or maintains a place of abode tit. 30, 44 1102.05 (1974). Since Delaware compules its own taxable income from Federal adin the State and spends more than 183 days of

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the taxable year in the State, 15 Del. Code Ann. tit. 80, § 1103 (1974).

A nonresident individual is defined as one who is not a resident individual of the State. 15 Del. Code Ann. tit. 30, § 1104 (1974).

The Delaware Superior Court has held that an

justed gross income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United

States is apparently adopted by reference

into the computation of Delaware taxable in-

State income taxation on Federal adjusted gross income (above the exclusions under # 911-913 of

Nonresident individuals-Subject to State income tax on Federal adjusted gross income attributable to sources within Delaware. Military personnel-Subject to tax on military compensation with stated exclusions.

tain dividends and capital gains

Tax base Probable tax obligation State Income tax coverage individual who had moved to Washington. The taxable income of a nonresident individual Dela ware-Cont. D.C., to take employment, but who continued defined as that part of his Federal adjusted to vote in Delaware, had, nevertheless, abangross income derived from sources within the State, 15 Del. Code Ann. tit. 30 § 1102 (1974). doned his Delaware domicile. The court Since Delaware computes its own taxable infound that the voting, which it termed "illegal," did not prove Delaware domicile. come from Federal adjusted gross income. the exclusion under \$ 112 of the Internal Revenue Mitchell v. Delaware State Tax Commissioner, Code for compensation received for active 42 A.2d 19 (Del. Supr. Ct. 1945). service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Delaware taxable income. 15 Del. Code Ann. tit. 30 § 1105 (1) The taxable net income of all residents de- Residents-Subject to tax on Fed-Residents and taxable nonresidents. The term Georgia fined as Federal adjusted gross income less eral adjusted gross income (above resident is defined to include "legal residents" the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of items not herein relevant. Since Georgia of the State on Dec. 31 of the taxable year in the Internal Revenue Code). computes its own taxable net income on the question, persons residing in the State on a "more or less regular basis" on Dec. 31 of the Taxable nonresidents-Subject to basis of Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal tax on net taxable income de taxable year under consideration, and persons rived from certain specified Revenue Code for income from sources withresiding in the State in the aggregate for 183 activities within Georgia. out the United States is apparently adopted days or part-days for the taxable year. Ga. Military personnel-Appear to be Code \$5 91A-3501 (1980). by reference into the computation of Georgia taxed as residents on Federal Taxable nonresidents are defined to include the taxable net income. Ga. Code 91A-3601, 3607 adjusted gross income less specifollowing: (1) every individual who is not (1981)(2) The taxable net income of taxable nonresiotherwise a resident of Georgia for income tax dents of Georgia defined as the entire net inpurposes and who regularly, and not casually income from certain specified a tivities carried or intermittently, engages within Georgia, on within Georgia. Ga. Code 91A § 3610 (1980). himself or by means of employees, agents or partners, in employment, trade, business, pro-The laws pertaining to taxation of military personnel prior to 1976 have been repealed. Therefessional, or other activity for financial gain or profit, including the rental of real or personal fore, military personnel are apparently taxed as residents on Federal adjusted gross income property located within Georgia or for use less specified items. Since Georgia computes within Georgia. "Taxable nonresident" as defined herein does its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under § 112 of the not include a legal resident of another State Internal Revenue Code for compensation rewhose only activity for financial gain or profit ceived for active service as a member of the in Georgia consists of performing services in armed forces of the United States for any Georgia for an employer where the remuneramonth during which such member served in tion for such services does not exceed five pera combat zone or was hospitalized as a result cent of the income received by such person for performing services in all places during any of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computataxable year; and (2) every individual who is tion of Georgia taxable income. Ga. Code not otherwise a resident of Georgia for income 91A-\$ 3601 (1978). tax purposes and who sells, exchanges or otherwise disposes of tangible property which at that time has a taxable situs within Georgia or of intangible property which has acquired at the time a business or commercial situs within Georgia. Ga. Code § 91A-3501(k) (1980).(1) Taxable income of residents defined as tax- Residents-Subject to tax on Fed-Idaho Residents, and part-year residents. The term eral taxable income (above the

resident is defined as any individual who during the taxable year has been domiciled in ldaho or has resided within the State of Idaho for the entire year. Ida. Code § 63-3013 (1976).

The term part-year resident is defined as an individual who enters or leaves the State during the taxable year and has resided or was domiciled within the State for a period of less than 12 months during the taxable year. Ida. Code § 63-3013A (1976).

See Soldiers' and Sallors' Civil Relief Act.

- able income under § 63 of the Internal Revenue Code. Since Idaho computes its taxable income from federal taxable income, §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Idaho taxable income. Ida. Code §§ 63-3022, 24 (1980).
- (2) The taxable income of nonresidents and part-year residents to the extent it is attributable to certain specified activities within Idaho. Ida. Code § 63-3027A (1976).
- The Idaho Code provides for a credit for income taxes paid to another state or territory. The term "Income tax to another state" includes taxes paid to another State, a possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia. Ida. Code | 63-3029 (1980).

exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the

Internal Revenue Code). Nonresidents and part-year residents-Subject to tax on Federal taxable income attributable to certain sources within ldaho.

Military personnel-Not subject to tax on actiove duty or retirement benefits.

Income tax coverage Tax base Probable tax obligation State (3) Taxable income does not include compensa--Cont tion paid to full-time members of the Armed Forces on active duty for 120 consecutive days or more for service performed outside of Idaho. Ida. Code | 63-3022(j) (1980). The entire Federal adjusted gross income of Residents-Subject to tax on Residents, part-year residents, and nonresiresidents, with certain modifications not denta-The term resident is defined as any herein relevant. Since Illinois computes its individual who is in the State for other than a §§ 911-913 of the temporary or transitory purpose during the own base income from Federal adjusted gross taxable year or who is domiciled in the State income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Revenue Code). but is absent from the State for a temporary or Internal Revenue Code for income from Nonresidents and part-year resisources without the United States is aptransitory purpose during the taxable year. Ill. Stat. Ann. ch. 120, § 15-1501(20) (1980). parently adopted by reference into the com-The term part-year resident is defined as an

individual who became a resident during the taxable year or ceased to become a resident during the taxable year. Ill. Stat. Ann. ch. 120 \$ 15-1501(17) (1980).

The term nonresident is defined as a person who is not a resident. Ill. Stat. Ann. ch. 120 § 15-1501(14) (1980).

See Soldiers' and Sallors' Civil Relief Act.

Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as any individual who was domiciled in the State during the taxable year, or any individual who maintains a permanent place of residence in the State and spends more than 183 days of the taxable year within the State. Ind. Stat. § 6-3-1-(12) (1972).

The term nonresident is defined as any person who is not a resident of Indiana. Ind. Stat. 6 6-3-1-13 (1972).

putation of Illinois base income. Ill. Stat. Ann, ch. 120 §§ 2 203(a) (1), (d)(1) (1980),

All income of part-year residents and nonresidents attributable to certain activities within Illinois. Ill. Stat Ann. ch. 120 §§ 3-301, 304

Illinois deducts from gross income any compensation paid to a resident who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States while on active duty. Ill. Stat. Ann. ch. (1978) 120 § 203(a) (2)(d) (1980).

The entire Federal adjusted income of residents, with adjustments not herein relevant. Ind. Stat. 46-3-2-1 (1977). Since Indiana computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under § 911 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Indiana taxable income. Ind. Stat. § 6-3-1-17 (1980).

The Federal adjusted gross income of nonresidents derived from sources within Indiana. Military personnel and merchant ind. Stat. \$ 6-3-2-1 (1977).

Indiana also gives its residents and nonresidents a credit against Indiana income tax for taxes paid to a foreign country on income subject to tax in Indiana. Ind. Stat. §§ 6-3-3, 6-3-1-25 (1972).

Indiana excepts from taxable gross income all amounts received by reason of the provisions of any public Federal or Indiana State law as benefits, allotments or allowances by any persons who have served, are now serving, or may serve as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and their spouses, surviving spouses and children of the State of Indiana. Ind. Stat. § 6-2-1-7(1) (1980). Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the merchant marine are exempted from the payment of gross income tax with respect to compensation received for military or naval service Jan. 1, 1952 while on active or inactive duty. Ind. Stat. 4 6-2-1-8 (1972).

Federal adjusted gross income (ab)ve the exclusions under

dents-Subject to tax on all income attributable to certain activities within Illinois.

Military personnel-Illinois deducts from gross income any compensation paid to a resident who is a member of the Armed Forces while on active duty.

Residents-Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income (above the exclusions under 4 911 of the Internal Revenue Code) with the possibility of a credit for foreign taxes paid.

Nonresidents-Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Indiana, with the possibility of credit for foreign taxes paid.

marine-Exempt from income taxes on military compensation.

Residents and nonresidents.—The term resident. The entire net income of residents, defined as is defined as any individual domiciled in the State, and any other individual who maintains a permanent place of abode within the State. Iowa Code § 422.4(8) (1971).

The term nonresident includes all individuals who are not residents. Iowa Code \$ 422.4(12) (1971).

The Iowa tax regulations state that unless there is evidence to the contrary, one wil be presumed to be domiciled in the State if he or she exercises the right to vote, uses homestead credit or military exemption, or otherwise exercises his or her rights to suffrage. Iowa. Tax Regs. subrule 38.1(9).

See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

Federal adjusted gross income, with certain adjustments not herein relevant. Since Iowa computes its own net income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under 4 911 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Iowa net income. Iowa Code §§ 422.5, 6 (1980).

The net income of nonresidents derived from sources within Iows, lows Code \$\$ 422.5. 6 (1980).

Iowa also provides a credit against Iowa tax for taxes paid to a foreign country on income subject to tax in Iowa and the foreign country. Iowa Code § 422.8 (1978).

Residents-Subject to tax on Fed eral adjusted gross income (above the exclusions under § 911 of the Internal Revenue Code) with the possibility of a credit for foreign taxes paid.

Nonresidents-Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Iowa, with the possibility of a credit for foreign taxes paid.

Military personnel—Subject to tax on military compensation with stated exclusions.

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State	Income tax coverage	Tax base	Probable tax obligation
Town—Continued	If a spouse of an Iowa resident in the military is a resident of Iowa, the spouse should report any income earned to Iowa. Spouses of Iowa resident military personnel who were residents of another State prior to their marriage to the Iowa resident will usually not be considered residents of Iowa until they actually reside in Iowa. Iowa Tax News, Vol. 4, No. 1, January 1978.		
Kanes	Resident individuals and non-residents—A resident individual is defined as a natural person who is domiciled in the State. A natural person who spends in the aggregate more than 6 months of the taxable year within the State is presumed to be a resident. Kan. Stat. § 79-32, 109 (1978).  The term nonresident is defined as an individual other than a resident individual. Kan. Stat. § 79-32, 109(b) (1978).  The Kansas tax regulations state that voting is prirua facie evidence of domicile in Kansas. Kan. Tax Reg. § 92-12-4.  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The taxable income of a resident individual defined as such individual's Federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year, with certain modifications not herein relevant. Kan. Stat. §§ 70-32, 110, 117 (1940).  (2) The taxable income of nonresident individuals defined as that portion of Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Kansas. Kan. Stat. § 70-32, 110 (1979).  Since Kansas computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Kansas taxable income.  Since Kansas computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under §§ 112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Kansas taxable income. Kan. Stat. § 79-32, 110 (1979).	Federal adjusted gross incom above the exclusions under \$\frac{1}{2}\text{911-013}\text{ of the Internal Revenut Code.}  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on that portion of Federal adjuste gross income derived from source within Kansas.  Military personnel—Subject to tax on military compensation with stated exclusions.
Contracky	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual domiciled within the State, but maintains a place of abode in the State, but maintains a place of abode in the State and spends in the aggregate more than 183 days of the taxable year within the State. Ky. Rev. Stat. § 141.010(17) (1980).  The term nonresident is defined as any individual who is not a resident of the State. Ky. Rev. Stat. § 141.010(18) (1980).  The Kentucky tax regulations specify that an individual who is permitted to file a Federal income tax return as a nonresident citizen, and who immediately prior to residing in a foreign country was domiciled in Kentucky, is considered a Kentucky resident and must file a resident individual income tax return. Ky. Tax. Reg. 103 KAR 17:010. See also, the following two opinions of the Kentucky Attorney General relating to this subject: Op. Atty. Gen. Ky. (July 12, 1939); Op. Atty. Gen. Ky. (May 12, 1960).  See Soldiers' and Saliors' Civil Relief Act.	of nonresidents derived from sources within Kentucky, Ky. Rev. Stat. §§ 41.020(4) (1976).	Residents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income (above the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code).  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Kentucky.  Military personnei—Subject to tax on military compensation with stated exclusions.
faine	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual who is domiciled in Maine, unless he maintains no permanent place of abode elsewhere and spends in the aggregate not more than 30 days of the taxable year in this State; or who is not domiciled in Maine, but maintains a permanent place of abode in this State and spends in the aggregate more than 183 days of the taxable year in this State. 16 Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 36 § 5102 (1981).	(1) The taxable income of residents defined as Federal adjusted gross income allocated to State sources with certain modifications not herein relevant. Since Maine computes its own taxable income from Federe: adjusted gross income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Maine taxable income. 16 Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 36 §§ 5111, 5121, 5122 (1978).	Residents—Subject to tax on tax able income in excess of the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code with the possibility of a reduction of taxes for taxes paid to another jurisdiction.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on the portion of Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Maine with the

The term nonresident is defined as an individual

(2) The portion of Federal adjusted gross income who is not a resident. 16 Me. Rev. Stat. tit.

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State	Income tax coverage	Tax base	Probable tax obligation
Maine—Cont.		If a taxpayer is regarded as a resident of Maine and another jurisdiction for the purpose of personal income taxation, the tax assessor shall reduce the tax on that portion of the taxpayer's income which is subjected to tax in both jurisdictions, provided that the other taxing jurisdictions allows a similar reduction. 16 Me. Rev. Stit. iit. 36 \$128 (1979). Since Maine computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under \$112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Maine taxable income. 16 Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 36 \$ 5111 (1978).	on military compensation with stated exclusions.
Maryland	Resident and nonresidents.—The term resident is defined as any individual domiciled in the State on the last day of the taxable year, and every other individual who, for more than 6 months of the taxable year, maintains a place of abode within the State, whether domiciled in the State or not. Md. Code Art. 81 § 279(i) (1975).  Evidence that a person has registered to vote in Maryland is ordinarily persuasive evidence that such person is domiciled in Maryland. Comptroller of the Treasury v. Lenderking, 268 Md. 613, 303 A.2d 402 (1973).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	as Federal adjusted gross income with certain modification not herein relevant. Since Maryland defines it taxable net income in terms of Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into	Residents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income above the exclusion under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code.  Nonesidents—Subject to tax on the portion of Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Maryland.  Military personnel—Subject to tax on military compensation with stated exclusions.
Michigan	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual domiciled in the State. Domicile is defined as the place where a person has his true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment to which, whenever absent therefron, he intends to return, and domicile continues until another permanent establishment is established. If an individual lives in the State for at least 183 days during the taxable year or more than one-half the days during the taxable year of less than 12 months he is deemed a resident individual domiciled in the State, Mich. Comp. L. Ann. § 206.18 (h. ).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	purposes, the evaluations for income earned without the United States under §§ 911-913	Residents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income allocable to sources within Michigan above the exclusions of §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revene Code. Nonresidents—Subject to tax on taxable income allocable to sources within Michigan.  Military personnel—Michigan does not tax military compensation.
Minnesota	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual domiciled in the State or any individual maintaining a place of abode within the State during the taxable year, Minn. Stat. § 290.01(1) (1962). The Minnesota Tax Regulations state that voting in Minnesota is presumptive evidence of residence, but may be overcome by facts contrary to the presumption of residence. Minn. Tax. Reg. § 2001(7). See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.		Residents—Subject to tax of Federal adjusted gross income above the exclusion under §91 of the Internal Revenue Code.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted £1000 income allocable to scurces within Minnesota  Military personnel—Subject to tax on military compensation with stated exclusions.

residents allocable to sources within Minnesota, Minn. Stat. § 290.01 (1980).

State	Income tax coverage	Tax base	Probable tax obligation
Minnesota—Cont.		Since Minnesota computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under § 112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such pervice is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Minnesota taxable income. Min. Stat. § 260.01 (1980).	
Missouri	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual who is domiciled in this State, unless he (1) maintains no permanent place of abode in this State, (2) does maintain a permanent place of abode elsewhere, and (3) spends in the aggregate not more than 30 days of the taxable year in this State; or who is not domiciled in this State but maintains a permanent place of alode in this State and spends in the aggregate more than 183 days of the taxable year in this State. The term nonresident is defined as an individual who is not a resident of this State. Mo. Stat. § 143.101 (1976). See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The Missouri taxable income of residents which is calculated on the basis of Federal adjusted gross income with modifications. Since Missouri computes its taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Missouri taxable income. Mo. Stat. § 143.121 (1977). (2) The income of nonresident which is derived from sources within Missouri. Mo. Stat. § 143.041 (1976). (3) Payment for service in the Armed Forces is not included in the definition of taxable wages. Mo. Stat. 143.191.2. (1976).	Residents—Subject to tax on Mis souri taxable income which excludes income from sources with out the United States in the sam manner as §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax or income derived from source within Missouri.  Military personnel—Not subject to tax on payment for service in the Armed Services.
Montana	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as any natural person domiciled in the State or who maintains a permanent place of abode within the State even though temporarily absent from the state and who has not established a residence elsewhere. Mont. Code tit. 15 § 30-101(15) (1979).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The entire adjusted gross income of residents defined as Federal adjusted gross income with certain modifications not herein relevant. Since Montana defines its adjusted gross income in terms of Federal adjusted gross income, the etclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Montana adjusted gross income. Mont. Code tit. 15 § 30-111 (1979).  (2) The entire net income of nonresidents derived from sources within Montana. Mont. Code tit. 15 § 30-105 (1981).  (3) Montana excludes renumeration raid for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States from the definition of taxable wages. Mont. Code § 15-30-201(5)(a) (1979).	Residents—Subject to tax or Federal adjusted gross income above the exclusion of #911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code. Nonresidents—Subject to tax on net income derived from sources within Montana.  Military personnel—not subject to tax on military compensation.
Nebraska	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual who is domiciled in the State or who maintains a permanent place of abode within the State and spends in the aggregate more than 6 months of the taxable year within the State. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2715(2) (1980).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The Federal adjusted gross income of residents with certain modifications not herein relevant. Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-2714, 15 (1973). Since Nebraska computes its tax base in terms of Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code is apparently adopted by reference.  (2) The Federal adjusted gross income of nonresidents derived from sources within Nebraska. Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 72-2714, 15 (1973). Since Nebraska computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under § 112 of the Internal Revenue	Residents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income above the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Nebraska.  Military personnel—Subject to tax on military compensation with stated exclusions.

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Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Nebraska taxable income. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 72-2714 (1973).

State Income tax coverage Tax base Probable tax obligation Residents and nonresidents—The term resident (1) The net income of every resident defined in Residents—Subject to tax on net New Mexico terms of Federal taxable income with certain is defined as an individual who is domiciled income above the exclusions unin the State during any part of the taxable year. modifications not herein relevant. Since New der \$911-913 of the Internal Any person who, on or before the last day of Mexico defines i s tax base in terms of Federal Revenue Code with the possithe taxable year, changes his place of abode to taxable income, the exclusions under \$5 911bility of a credit for taxes paid to 913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income a place without the State with the bona fide a political subditision of a forintention of cont nuing actually to abide perderived from sources without the United eign country. manently without the State is not a resident. States is apparently adopted by reference. Nonresidents-Subject to tax on N. Mex. Stat. 7-2-2P (197 ). N. Mex. Stat. \$\$ 7-2-2, 7-2-3 (198d). net income derived from sources The term nonresident is defined as every indi-(2) The net income of every nonresident derived within New Mexico with the vidual not a resident of the State, N. Mex. from sources within New Mexico. N. Mex. possibility of a credit for taxes Stat. § 7-2-3 (1 81). Stat. 7-2-2B 1979 paid to a political subdivision See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. (3) New Mexico also allows residents and nonof a foreign country. residents a credit for taxes paid to political Military personnel-Subject to tax subdivisions of foreign countries in certain on military compensation with circumstances. N. Mex. Stat. \$57-2-21-13. stated exclusions. 19 (1980). Since New Mexico computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under 4 112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat sone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of New Mexico taxable income. N. Mex. Stat. \$7-2-2 (1981). Net income does not include the first \$3,000 of military retirement pay. N. Mex. Stat. § 7-2-5.1 (1979). Residents and nonresidents—The term resident (1) The adjusted gross income of residents de- Residents—Subject to tax on fed-New York is defined as: (1) An individual who is domifined as federal adjusted gross income with eral adjusted gross income above ciled in the State unless he maintains no permacertain modifications not herein relevant. the exclusion under \$\$ 911-913 of nent place of abode within the State, main-Since New York defines its own adjusted gross the Internal Revenue Code. tains a permanent place of abode outside the income in terms of federal adjusted gross in-Nonresidents-Subject to tax on State and spends not over 30 days of the taxcome, the exclusions for income earned from federal adjusted gross income deable year within the State, and (2) an indisources without the United States is apparrived from sources with New vidual who is not domiciled in the State but ently adopted by reference into the computamaintains a permanent place of abode within tion of New York adjusted gross income, N.Y. Military personnel-Subject to tax the State and spends in the aggregate more Tax Law § 612 (1977). on military compensation with than 183 days of the taxable year within the (2) The Federal adjusted gross income of nonstated exclusions. State, unless such individual is in active servresidents derived from sources within New ice in the Armed Forces of the United States. York, N.Y. Tax Law \$ 632 (1975). N.Y. Tax Law \$ 605(a) (1978). Since New York computes its own taxable in-The term nonresident is defined as an individual come from Federal adjusted gross income, the who is not a resident. N.Y. Tax Law § 605(b) exclusion under \$ 112 of the Internal Revenue (1975).Code for compensation received for active serv-The New York Tax Regulations state that a ice as a member of the armed forces of the U.S. citizen will not ordinarily be deemed to United States for any month during which have changed his domicile by going to a foreign such member served in a combat zone or was country unless it is clearly shown that he inhospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in tends to remain there permanently. For exsuch service is apparently adopted by reference ample, a U.S. citizen domiciled in New York. into the computation of New York taxable income. N.Y. Tax Law 6 612 (1977). who goes abroad because of an assignment by his employer or for study, research or recreation, does not lose his New York domicile unless it is clearly shown that he intends to remain abroad permanently. N.Y. Tax Regs. \$ 102.2(b)(3). See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. North Dakets Residents and nonresidents—The term resident (1) The taxable income of residents defined in Residents—Subject to tax on Fedis defined as any natural person domiciled in terms of Federal taxable income with certain eral taxable income above the ex-

the State and any other n tural person who maintains " permanent place of abode within the State and spends in the aggregate more than seven months of the income year within the State. N.D. Code \$ 57-38-01 (10) (1981).

See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

modification not herein relevant. Since North Dakota defines its own taxable income in terms of Federal taxable income, the exclusions under \$\$ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by ref- Military personnel-Taxable inerence into the computation of North Dakota taxable income. N.D. Code \$ 57-38-01.2, 02 (1981).

clusio s under \$\$ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Nonresident-Subject to tax on net income from sources within North Dakota.

come is reduced by:

(a) any amount up to \$1,000 received by any person as payment

Probable tax obligation Income tax coverage State North Dakots-Cont. (2) The net income of nonresidents derived from for ser ices performed while o sources within North Dakota. N.D. Code active duty in the armed forces of \$ 57-39-03 (1972) the United States, or as payment (3) Tayable income is reduced by: for attending military meetings as a member of the National (a) any amount up to \$1.00 l, received by any person as payment for service performed while Guard, or of a reserve unit. Howon active duty in the armed forces of the ever, persons serving in the United States, as payment for attendin mili-Arme ! Forces, except field grade tary meetings as a member of the National and general officers, who are sta-Guard, or of a reserve unit. However, persons tioned outside of any State or the serving in the armed forces, except field District of Columbia for not less than 30 days during the tax year, grade a d general officers, who are stationed outside of any State or the District of Coshall be allowed an additional relumbia for not less than 30 days during the duction of up to \$300 per month tax year, shall be allowed an additional reducfor services performed while on tion of up to \$300 per month for services peractive duty at each loc tion. formed while on active duty at each location. (b) any amount up to \$5,000 re-(b) any amount up to \$5,000 received by any crived by any person 60 years or person 60 years or older as retired military pay older as retired military pay for for service in the United States Armed Forces service in the United States Armed Forces or reserve comporo reserve components thereof, reduced by any amount received pursuant to the Federal Sonents thereof, reduced by any cial ecurity Act. N.D. Code \$\$ 57-38-01. 2(k), amounts received pursuant to the Federal Social Security Act. (1) (1981). N.D. Code \$5 57-38-01, 2(k), (1) (1961).Residents and nonresidents—The term resident (1) The adjusted gross income of residents de-Residents-Subject to tax on Ohle is defined as an individual who is domiciled defined as federal adjusted gross income Federal adjusted gross income in this State or an individual who lives in the with certain modifications not herein relevant. above the exclusions under State and who does not maintain a permanent Since Ohio defines its own adjusted gross in-\$ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code. place of abode elsewhere, unless such individcome, the exclusions under \$\$ 911-913 of the ual in the aggregate lives more than 335 days Internal Revenue Code for income from Nonresidents-Subject to tax on sources without the United States is apparoutside the State. Ohio Code tit. 57 & 5747.01(I) a liusted gross income derived ently adopted by reference into the computafrom sources within Ohio. See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. tion of Ohio adjusted gross income. Ohio Code Military personnel-Subject to tax tit. 57 §§ 5747,01(A), 5747.02 (1990). on military compensation with (2) The adjusted gross income of nonresidents stated exclusions. derived from sources within Ohio. Ohio Code tit. 57 \$ 5747.02 (1980). Since Ohio computes its own taxable income from federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under § 112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the armed forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Ohio taxable income. Ohio Code tit. 57 § 5747.01 (1980). Oklahama Residents and nonresidents-The term resident (1) The taxable income of residents defined on Residents-Subject to tax on taxable income above the exclusions

is defined as any individual who is domiciled in the State. Any individual who spends in the aggregate more than 7 months of the taxable year within the State shall be presumed a resident. Okla. Stat. tit. 68 § 2353(4) (1980). See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

- the basis of federal adjusted gross income with certain modifications not herein relevant. Since Oklahoma bases its taxable income on Federal adjusted income, the exclusions under \$ 911-013 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Oklahoma taxable income, Okla. Stat. tit. 68 \$\$ 2353 (10), (11), (12), (13),
- (2) The federal adjusted gross income of nonresidents derived from sources within Oklahoma. Okla. Stat. tit. 68 § 2362 (1974).
- (3) In any taxable year the first \$1,500 received by any person from the United States as salary or compensation in any form as a member of any component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be deducted from taxable income. Okla. Stat. tit. 68 § 2358B 5 (1980).

under \$\$ 911-913 of the Internal

Revenue Code. Nonresidents-Subject to tax on taxable income derived from sources within Oklahoma. Military personnel-Subject to tax on military compensation above the first \$1,500.

Tax base Probable tax obligation State Income tax coverage Residents and nonresidents-The term resi- (1) The entire taxable income of residents defined Residents-Subject to tax on fed Oregen as federal taxable income with certain modifieral taxable income above the dent is defined as: (1) An individual who is domiciled in this State unless he (A) maincations not herein relevant. Since Oregon deexclusions under \$4 911-918 and tains no permanent place of abode in this fines its own taxable income in terms of Fedwith the possibility of a credit eral taxable income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for State, and (B) does maintain a permanent for foreign taxes paid. Nonresidents-Subject to tax on place of abode elsewhere, and (C) spends in the aggregate not more than 30 days in the income from sources without the United States Federal taxable income derived from sources within Oregon. taxable year in this State; or (2) an individual is apparently incorporated by reference into who is not domiciled in this State but mainthe computation of Oregon taxable income. Military personnel-Subject to tax tains a permanent place of abode in this State Ore. Rev. Stat. §§ 316.007, 316.022(5), 316.037. on military compensation above and spends in the aggregate more than 200 days 316.062 (1977). the first \$3,000. (2) The taxable income of nonresidents derived of the taxable year in this State is presumed to from sources within Oregon, Ore. Rev. Stat. be a resident unless he proves that he is in the State only for a temporary or transitory pur-\$\$ 316.117, 816.127 (1977). Oregon also gives to residents a credit against pose. Ore. Rev. Stat. § 316.027(1)(a), (b) Oregon income taxes for taxes imposed on the taxpayer by foreign countries on income also subject to tax in Oregon, Ore, Rev. Stat. 1 816.082 (1977). (3) Oregon subtracts from federal taxable income compensation (other than pension or retirement pay) for active service performed by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 per annum, Ore. Rev. Stat. \$ 316,067 (1980). Residents and nonresidents-The term resident Residents-Subject to tax on taxede leland The Rhode Island income of residents is defined to include both (1) domicilaries, and defined as Federal adjusted income with cerable income above the exclusions (2) nondomiciliaries who maintain a permatain modifications not herein relevant. Since under \$\$ 911-913 of the Internal nent place of abode within the State and also Rhode laland defines it own taxable income Revenue Code. reside in the State for more than 183 days of in terms of federal adjusted gross income, the Nonresidents-Subject to tax on the taxable year unless he is in the Armed exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal taxable income derived from sources within Rhode Island. Forces of the United States. R.I. Gen. Lews Revenue Code is apparently adopted by ref-\$ 44-30-5(a) (1980). erence into the computation of Rhode Island Military personnel-Subject to tax taxable income. R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-30-12 on military compensation with  $(1980)_{*}$ stated exclusions. (2) The tamble income of nonresidents derived from sources within Rhode Island. R.I. Gen. Laws \$ 44-30-32 (1980). Since Rhode Island computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under § 112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Bhode Island taxable income, R.I. Gen. Laws \$4 44-30-12, Utab Residents and nonresidents—The term resident (1) The taxable income of residents defined in Residents—Subject to tax on taxis defined to include both domiciliaries, and terms of Federal taxable income with certain able income above the exclusions modifications not herein relevant. Since Utah under \$4 911-913 of the Internal individuals not domiciled in the State but maintaining a permanent place of abode withdefines its own taxable income in terms of Revenue Code. in the State and residing within the State in Federal taxable moome, the exclusions under Nonresidents-Subject to tax on the aggregate for over 183 days of the taxable §§ 911-918 of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable income derived from year. Utah Code \$ 59-14A-4(g) (1973). income from sources without the United sources within Utah. The Utah Tax Regulations specify that domi-States is apparently adopted by reference Military personnel—Subject to tax on military pay with stated excile, once acquired, is not lost until a new and into Utah taxable income. Utah Code § 59distinct domicile is established. Utah Tax. 14A-11 (1973). clusions. (2) Utah also subtracts from Federal taxable Regs. 6 14A-1. See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. income of residents and nonresidents income taxes paid for foreign governments in certain circumstances. Utah Code \$ 59-14A-11(b)(2) (b) (1979). The first \$500 received for active service in the Armed Forces of the United States for any full month in which the taxpayer (i) served in a combat zone or (ii) was hospitalized as a result of such service is exempt from taxation. Compensation received for active service for any month during which such member is in missing or prisoner of war status is exempt from ation. Utah Code \$\$ 59-14-4(2) (h), (i)

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State	Income tax coverage	Tax base	Probable tax obligation
Vermont	Residents—The term residents is defined to include both (1) domiciliaries, unless they maintain no permanent place of abode within the State, maintain a permanent place of abode outside the State, and reside less than 30 days of the taxable year in the State, and (2) non-domiciliaries who maintain a permanent place of abode within the State and reside within the State for more than 183 days of the taxable year. Vt. Stat. tit. 32, § 3811(11)(A)(i), (ii) (1980).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The adjusted gross income of residents defined as Federal adjusted gross income. Since Vermont defines its adjusted gross income in terms of Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparent ly adopted by reference into the computation of Vermont adjusted gross income. Vt. Stat. tit. 32, §§ 5811(1), 5822, 5823, (1979). (2) The adjusted gross income of nonresidents derived from sources within Vermont. Vt. Stat. tit. 32, § 5823 (1971). (3) Adjusted gross income does not include military pay for full-time active duty with the Armed Services. Vt. Stat. tit. 32 § 5823(a)(2) (1977). (4) The Vermont Code provides for a credit for income taxes paid to another State or Territory upon income derived from sources within that State or Territory. Vt. Stat. tit. 32 § 5825 (1970).	Residents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income above the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on Federal adjusted gross income derived from sources within Vermont.  Military personnel—Not subject to tax on military pay for fulltime active duty service.
Virginia	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as an individual domiciled in the Commonwealth or any individual who resides within the Commonwealth for more than 183 days of the taxable year. Va. Code § 58.151.02 (e) (1979).  Persons in the Armed Forces of the United States stationed on military or naval reservations within Virginia who are not domiciled in Virginia and who maintain no place of abode in Virginia shall not be held liable to income taxation for compensation received from military or naval service. Va. Code § 58-151.016 (1972).	(1) The taxable income of residents defined in terms of Federal adjusted gross income with certain modifications not herein relevant. Since Virginia defines its taxable income in terms of Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code is apparently adapted by reference into the computation of Virginia taxable income. Va. Code § 58-151.013 (1981).  (2) The taxable income of residents derived from sources within the State. Va. Code § 58-151.013(F)(1977).  Since Virginia computes its own taxable income from Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusion under § 112 of the Internal Revenue Code for compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during which such member served in a combat zone or was hospitalized as a result of an injury incurred in such service is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Virginia taxable income. Va. Code § 58-151.013 (1981).	eral adjusted gross income above the exclusions under §§ 911-911 of the Internal Revenue Code. Nonresidents—Subject to tax on taxable income derived from sources within the State. Military personnel—Subject to tax on military pay with stated exclusions.
West Virginia		(1) The taxable income of residents defined in terms of Federal adjusted gross income with modifications not herein relevant. Since West Virginia defines its own taxable income in terms of Federal adjusted gross ir come, the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently incorporated by reference into the definition of West Virginia taxable income. W. Va. Code § 11-21-11(a), 12 (1980).  (2) The taxable income of nonresidents derived from sources within West Virginia. W. Va. Code §§ 11-21-31, 32 (1974).  3) Federal adjusted gross income is reduced by pay or allowances received after the 31st day of December 1973, by West Virginia residents as compensation for active service in the Armed Forces of the United States, not to exceed \$4,000. W. Va. Code §§ 11-21-12(c)(9) (1980).	Residents—Subject to tax on tax- able income above the exclusions under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code.  Nonresidents—Subject to tax on taxable income derived from sources within West Virginia Military personnel—Subject to tax on such compensation as exceeds §4,000 per taxable year.

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State	Income tax coverage	Tax base	Probable tax obligation
Wisconsin	Residents and nonresidents—The term resident is defined as a domiciliary Wis. Stat. § 71.01 (1) (1969).  See Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.	(1) The taxable income of residents defined in terms of federal adjusted gross income with certain modifications not herein relevant. Since Wisconsin defines its own taxable income in terms of Federal adjusted gross income, the exclusions under § 211-213 of the Internal Revenue Code for income from sources without the United States is apparently adopted by reference into the computation of Wisconsin taxable income. Wis. Stat. § 71.02(2)(e), 71.05 (1981).  (2) The taxable income of nonresidents derived from sources within Wisconsin. Wis. Stat. § 71.01 (1980).  (3) The first \$1,000 of compensation received from the United States for service as a reserve or active member of the Armed Forces is exempt from taxa*ion. Wis. Stat. § 71.01(3)(f) (1969).	able income above the exclusion under §§ 911-913 of the Internal Revenue Code.
	IV. STATES H	AVING NO INCOME TAX	
Alaska	NewHamps	hire Washing	ton
Florida	South Dako	ota Wyomin	g
Nevada	Texas		

### **NOTES**

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